

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Epiphany Sunday January 6, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Sharon Pfabe and Mike Wachsmuth - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Andante" Rowley
*Processional Hymn No. 123 "As With Gladness"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "O thou God of holy love, we
acknowledge that at the beginning of this year our lives
do not stand before Thee as a book unwritten. Much that
we shall do has been spelled out already, even before
the year has begun. Inscribed deep within are old habits
and familiar behaviour patterns. We know that these
in large part will write for us the history of this
coming year. Cause us to be aware of thy forgiving
grace, and when we have written a life page full of the
errors of our misdeeds, help us to acknowledge ourselves
for what we are, and to seek thy love; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen."
*Kyrle (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy Spirit
Pastor: Let us Pray
Requiem Observance and Prayer
Mrs. John Barnhart, Mr. Homer Beatty, Mr. Arthur Covert
Mr. Lewis Kradel, Mrs. Lewis Kradel, Miss Florence Shakely

Mrs. Bertha C. Richey, Mr. Ralph M. Cooper,
Mr. Harold F. Sandbach and Mr. John Custead. *GUY ARMSTRONG*
Friends: June Davies, Madison Stringfellow, Sr.,
Elgie G. Snyder and Jennie Lee Irwin.
Hymn No. 418 "For all the saints who from their
labors rest"
Offering
Offertory "Moderato" Leybach
Anthem: "Let's Just Praise the Lord" Gaither
Chancel Choir
Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9
Sermon: "The Recipe for Each Year: Take Several Leaves,"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Processional Hymn No. 126 "Thou didst leave Thy throne"
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude "Praise Him" Morris
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
the Fidelity Bible Class.
Serving as Ushers today are: *Chuck Penar, Dave
McMillin, Dan Bosko and Robert Knauer.
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will be at the door today.
Rob Vinroe and Dave McMillin will be visiting Hospital.
Nursery will be provided today by Barb Vargo and Lori
Zavacky.
Hospitalized - Bob Tait - Montiflore Hosp. 3459 Fifth
Ave. Room 677, Pittsburgh, Pa. Lloyd Link,
Edgar Hampton, Zoia Morrison.
Attendance Dec. 23-247; Dec. 30 - 190
Tonight - Epiphany Sunday - 7:00 P.M.
Tomorrow - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Meeting - *NO MEETING*
Monday - 7:00 - Activities Committee - 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday - 7:30 - Volleyball with Christian Missionary
Thurs. Butler Fellowship of Churches - First Alliance.
English Lutheran Church - 7:30 P.M.
Fri. - ARC ?????? 7:00 GAMES - Young & Old -
There will be no Newsletter published this month - only
one article was received.
Those elected for Church Council: Pres. - Bob Dellen,
Vice Pres. - Dave McMillin, Sec'y of Council - Dutch
Bolam, Ch. Treas. - LeRoy Andrews, Benov. Treas. -
Chuck Penar, Bldg. Fund Treas. - Hap Burns.

We stand at the threshold of another year. Stretching before us are untried pure days and weeks and months. If God permits us to come to the end of this year, what will we be able to say about 1980? Will we say that it was a year which saw our lives draw closer to Christ than ever before? Will we be able to say that we have grown more spiritually than at any other time before? Of perhaps will we look at the year stretched behind us and ask "WHY?" ?

(Illustration of Roger Bannister and John Landy, & "If I Hadn't looked back")

Unfortunately all of us can say this about some part of our lives. "If only I had done such and such," and then we can recount what might have been. But we cannot live in the past and we must move on into the future. But to do so we need something to bolster our confidence so that we continue to look to the future. Here is where we need to lean upon the promises of God. We need to understand that each and every moment of each and every year, God is standing with us and saying, "The Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest," and "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Here is our strength as drawn from these "Several Leaves" from God.

But as we wage this battle daily, we must be aware that we have an adversary whose main purpose is to defeat us and make us want to quit. Many times he is able to get us thinking negatively and we begin to become depressed and downhearted. Satan begins to win the battle of separating us from God by planting his wedges of fear, and doubt, and distrust. Slowly we begin to get worn down and unfortunately too many people who were on the verge of gaining the victory weakly succumb to his wiles and become lost in the shuffle of life.

(Illustration of William Ernest Henley, "Invictus")

Invictus, unconquerable. Not what happens to us, but what happens in us. God has given us the promise of His presence. We need to accept that gift of love from Him as given through Jesus Christ and point our lives into the New Year with strength and determination. Knowing that for us the promises are always, "The Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest," and I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

The Recipe For Each Year: Take Several Leaves,"

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9

Texts: Joshua 1:9; Hebrews 13:5

For the next few weeks we are going to be looking at the ingredients needed to make each year what it can and should be for us. I think it goes without saying that in order to cook something properly, or to make a certain dish, the thing needed is not only a recipe, but the know how to make the recipe work. A man went into a restaurant and ordered a cup of coffee. He took a drink of it and said, "This coffee is awful, it tastes like mud." The waitress said, "Would it help if I told you it was ground this morning?"

A man was telling another man that his wife had been cooking a chicken for two days. "Two days," he asked, "How come so long?"

"Well the cookbook says to cook it one half hour to the pound.... and my wife weighs 110 pounds."

Well anyhow, I ran across a formula suggested by Dennis DeHaan of the Radio Bible Class which gives a "Recipe For Each Year." This recipe has some ingredients which if we apply all year will help us to see ~~what~~ what God is doing in our lives and will help us live that life a little better. There are six particular ingredients, one for every other month. Today we are going to look at "Several Leaves."

In our Scripture this morning we read of Joshua being commanded by God to lead the people into the promised land. God gives him the boundaries and then He informs him that no one will defeat him in verse 5, but He re-inforces that with the closing words of that verse, (read verse 5b). Joshua is then urged to "Be strong. This is pointed out by God three different times, verses 6, 7, and 9. The 9th verse closes this portion of Scripture with the words, (read verse 9). Here is the actual first leave. The second leave is found in the New Testament book of Hebrews, chapter 13, verse 5, (read this).

Here are the Two Leaves to begin this Recipe for Each Year. I will never leave you nor forsake you, and "The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest

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First Sunday After Epiphany January 13, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist, and Ch. Director
Mrs. Ginger Harbison and Mr. Lloyd Link, Youth
Choir Directors
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Sharon Pfabe and Mike Wachsmuth - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Credo" Haydn
*Processional Hymn No. 17 "I sing the praise of love"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) O God, you gave us a light for
our lives, but too often we still are groping in the
dark. Our lives should be a reflection of that light,
but instead we are casting shadows of doubt. Keep us
from those things which tend to shake our faith. Help
us to shine forth wherever we are to a world that badly
needs The Light. Take from us all of our sin, cleanse
us, and make us whole, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
*Kyrle (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 195 "The sun is on the land and sea"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy Spirit
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering "
Offertory "Voluntary"
Lyte Presentation

Anthem: "Rejoice Today" Chancel Choir Darst
Scripture: John 10:22-30
Sermon: "The Recipe for Each Year:
Add Some Vitamins,"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Cleansing Hymn No. 278 "God of grace and God of glory"

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Postlude "Lobe Den Herren" Wood

***** *Congregation Standing *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar by Mr. & Mrs. Steve

Vargo and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Krebs and

Family in Honor of Grace Riddle's Birthday.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Wally Feder, John Snow,

Steve Vargo and Gottlob Kradel.

Elder and Mrs. Robert Tait will be at the door today..

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cyndy McWilliams

and Mary Dellen.

Wednesday - 7:30 - Golden Circle

Dutch Bolam will be heading up Women Ushers for the

Second Sunday of each month. Please get in contact

with her if you can possibly help.

Plan on attending our second Soup and Salad Day of the

year. The date is Feb. 12, and tickets will be available

from the circle chairman. Keep working on your bazaar

items. Valentine's Day items that can be sold at a

low price sell very well. Candy and pies also sell

fast. The vegetables are all frozen, so all we need

will be cakes and salads, so please say yes when asked

to donate. Our 1st annual winter soup day was a huge

success so we are hoping this year is equally as

successful. Treat your Valentine sweetheart to a bowl of

homemade vegetable soup. Tuesday - Feb. 12th

memorial service will be held here at the Church

on Jan. 20th (Sunday) at 3:00 P.M. for the late Mr.

Guy Armstrong.

January 27 - Congregational Dinner and Meeting -

Year Books will be given out. Special entertainment

will be provided. - 5:30 P.M. Sponsored by the

Lay Life and Work Committee.

Bob Tait would like to thank those who asked Prayer,

get well cards and etc. while he was in Hospital.

We want to thank everyone for prayers, cards and phone

calls at the death of my Father - Chet and Marie Stauffe

"The Recipe For Each Year: Add Some Vitamins"
Scrip: Jn 10:22-30; ~~xxxx1~~ Text: Gen 15:1; Jn 10:28b

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con. tions, national situ can say=Need all help get
Js Temp Jeru=Winter=Dec & feast Dedication(Hanukah)
Porch Sol=Covr walkway, lrg columns=40ft
Js 32 at time & peop sceptic or Bliev
vs 25=no Bliev, told & saw, not my sheep
if sheep wud hav herd voic & obey
then giv 2proms 2 tru Blievr
vs 28a=eternl lif, & joy 2liv etern with God regardle
this lif situation
vs 28b=no separat 1nce Blong 2 Js Xp
impossib any1, anything tak from Him
If lk thez thing lite=Recipe 4 ea yr can C additior
some vitamins
Vitamins=eternal life
then fortify with vitamins=No1 tak from Js Xp
othr word=protection G giv ever Blievr
Gen 15:1=He say He protect all circumstanc
wat is shield? Protect devide
Examps=baseball, football, hockey=protec injury
Wat need 2kno G giv us protec in lif
Angels surroun daily protec from dangr
Many tim Blievr injur, & even deth, but no mean
protec not ther
Cannot underst all G ways, quest His will
G is ther & plan B work out accord 2 Him not us
M lean on Him 2 direct & guid thes livs
(Thus indian boy & father stand guard all nite)
This wat amt 2 think G as shield & Blievr nevr abl
2B pluck from His hand
If ea remem Blong Him ea day, ea yr wud B comfort
& trust no receiv elswher this world
Wat do vitamins do wen tak? Fortify, strengthen,
& mak bodies bettr abl withstan siknes, diseas
This how G duz our livs daily if willing 2 draw
closer ea day

But then He goes on to give two promises which only the true believer can now and have.

They are found in the 28th verse of our Scripture. He says He gives them eternal life. This means that they belong to Him and regardless of what this life holds or brings forth, they will live eternally with God.

The second thing adds to the first which He said. This promise tells us, "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." This means that it is impossible for anything or anyone to get them away from the Saviour once they belong to Him. Now if we look at this thing in light of making up a Recipe For Each Year, we can see here the addition of Some Vitamins. First we have the Vitamins themselves, that is, "Eternal Life." Then we have all of this fortified with additional vitamins, and that is, "No one can take them away from Jesus." In other words, this is the Protection which God gives to every believer. If we look at the 15th chapter of Genesis, the 1st verse we read, "I am thy

shield and thy exceeding great reward." God was speaking to Abram before he even became Abraham. He was telling him that He, God, was his protection in all circumstances. What is a shield? It is a protective device made to do just that, "Protect." In all sorts of sports we see the players having protective devices. Baseball, the catcher has a chest protector, a face mask, shin guards and so on. Football, shoulder pads, helmets, and so on. Hockey, padding and most recently face masks for the goalies. These are to protect from possible injury caused by the playing of the game. But what we need to know is that God had given us shields to protect us from life. We may not think of it in this light, but I believe that each day we have heavenly beings angels if you will protecting us from harm and danger. Many times there is hurt and injury and even death involving accidents. This is not to say that the guardian angels are not there. We cannot always know and understand God's plan for our lives. But I believe that in all circumstances, God is there and His plan is being worked out as He wants it. This means then that we must lean upon Him and let Him guide and direct these lives we live.

"Recipe For Each Year: Add Some Vitamins,"

Scripture: John 10:22-30

Texts: Genesis 15:1; John 10:28b

~~xxxxxx~~ Just recently a man idly picked up a bottle of one-a-day vitamins. He began to read the ~~xxx~~ ingredients which stated all of the different vitamins in each pill, and the daily requirement of each vitamin a person needs. He was startled to read at the end of the list, "This product is now fortified with vitamins."

That may be a classic example of overprotection. But when we consider the life we live, the conditions of the world and national situation we could say as has been said before, "We ~~xxx~~ need all the help we can get." ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
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In the Temple in Jerusalem Jesus was walking with His disciples on the East side in the area called, "Solomon's Porch. When anyone entered the Temple the first court he came to was called the Court of the Gentiles. On either side of this court there were two "porches" as they were called. They were the Royal Porch, and Solomon's Porch. These were nothing more than long narrow "Courts" or walkways covered over by a roof and having pillars almost 40 feet high. It was in these "Porches" that teachers, or Rabbis, walked and taught their students. Jesus was walking in this Solomon's Porch area of the Temple. It was wintertime and it was in December because our Scripture says it was the Feast of Dedication. We know this feast today as being the Jewish observance of Hannukah which is around the same time as our Advent observances. At this time of His life Jesus was about 32 years old.

At this point in His ministry He had those who willingly wanted to follow Him and did. And those who were either still legitimately sceptical of Him, or those who wanted to see Him shown up as an imposter. Jesus pointed out to them that first of all He told them who He was and they didn't believe Him.

Secondly, He had done work in the name of Almighty God and these ~~xxx~~ should have been proof enough who He was. But He goes on to state that they are not His sheep because if they were they would have not only heard His voice, but would have obeyed because this is how sheep react to their shepherd.

(Illustration of Indian boys being in woods by selves, Father standing guard)

This is what it amounts to in thinking about God as our shield, and His children never being able to be plucked out of His hand.

If we were to remember that we belong to Him each and every day of each year, it would help us to know a comfort and trust we cannot receive from anything else in this world.

What do vitamins do for us when we take them? They fortify us, strengthen us, and make our bodies better able to withstand sickness and disease. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ This is how God does in our lives daily if we are willing to draw closer to Him each day.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Second Sunday After Epiphany January 20, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
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Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Jeff Knauer, and Andrea Wagner- Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Sonata 2" Mendelssohn
*Processional Hymn No. 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Ascription - Choral Amen

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Mighty God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ who was dead but lives, and will put down every power that hurts or destroys, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen."

*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips

*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Doxology No. 551

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 50 "Still, still with Thee"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy Spirit

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory "Pastorale"

Ehrich

Anthem: "Reach Out to Jesus"

Carmichael

Howdy Bolam and the Chancel Choir

Scripture: Joshua 21:43-45

Sermon: "The Recipe For Each Year:
Whip Mixture,"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 289 "Soldiers of Christ, arise"

*Benediction

*Choir "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

*Postlude "Allegro" Mendelssohn

***** *Congregation Standing -> *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mrs. Gilbert Heginbotham in loving memory of "Husband"

Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Bob Dellen,

Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.

Deacon and Mrs. Harry Burns will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

The attendance last Sunday was 228.

Hospitalized: Mr. Wilmer Pfabe, Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams, and Mr. Robert Tait.

Nursery will be provided today by: Sharon Schmittlein and Robin Kanuer.

> Today - 3:00 - Memorial Service for the late Guy Armstrong.

Today - Meeting of the follow-up Committee right after the Service this morning.

> Nominations can be made by members. Any member may be nominated without permission. The Council will contact for training classes. You may nominate as many people as you like.

> Congregation Dinner - January 27, at 5:30 P.M. next Sunday. There will be special entertainment and also the year book will be given out.

> The two nurture classes which are a follow-up of the Leighton Ford Crusade will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M. There is room for one or two people on Tuesday evening, and 6 or 7 on Wednesday evening. If interested contact the Pastor.

> Building Fund Activity Committee, will be making home made Easter Eggs. Place orders now with Mary Burns or Virginia Mangel.

Fri. Feb. 8 - ARC Sweetheart Dinner at Lake Arthur Country Club. Tickets are now on sale at \$8.00 each. See Evelyn Kennedy.

"The Recipe For Each Year: Whip Mixture,"
Scrip: Josh 21:43-45; Texts: Josh 21:44b-45; Phil 4:13
Time Scrip Josh 90+
pressed chaps divis land ca 1400 BC
Levis=Tribes,city refug,Levites etc.
vss 43-44=G prom had takn plac & read careful C
sh real natur=3rd persn pronoun,not I, ME
includ self in group & sho humility
Wat sed has roots 1st prom 2 Abe=Gen 17:7-8
Everlast=indef,endles:giv 2 Abe,Isaac Abe son,
Jacob son Is,Moses,Joshua
This gradual & reason=Deut 7:22=land no strewn
corpse & caus animal increas & B problem
Can C G plan detail,& G order & not chaos
Vss 44b-45=Wat he say??
If think terms Recip 4ea Yr can C nothr part
mixtur & ths C G whip oppos aroun Isites
In proces also whip Isites strong powerful natio
If think mix ingreds 2gethr realiz cum tim wen mus
put certin things 2gethr & whip 4 strength,
if no whip,limp,useles
Thus C G fulfil proms,but demonstrat POWER
Not only by WORD, but by actions
P exhort peop erly ch Philpi gav motto cling,thin &
thick
This personal vers 4me tim helplesnes,discourag
I CAN DO ALL THINGS THRU XP WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME
Not fe thing,sum thing,=ALL THINGS
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wud adopt this yr cud remov mnts keep us untrak
How do we break thru thing seperat from G & hav
faith & trust G want us hav thru Js Xp ??
(I us Jews,Cathedral Cologne,Germany & inscrip)
Altho Jews no saw Light=(Js) trust G supply
U & I hav this knowledg Js cum darkn worl & we
overcum worl thru Him
But how can tap power & hav thing delivr hands??
(Illus John,Kathleen & dotter Becky)
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But if lk thru eye faith as G want,cud report
thes thing ea wk during Joys
Need underst G overcum way no underst thru POWER
He wait unleash POWER
No mean all ilnes,siknes,diseas,sufr dispear
Duz mean He sho with us in & thru all thing ever
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2nd Power G avail;He can use Power 2whip ingreds
in our livs & bring 4th strength want us hav;Ea day
U&I shud B draw powr & kno=Can do all things etc

"The Recipe For Each Year: Whip Mixture,"

Scripture: Joshua 21:43-45

Texts: Joshua 21:44b-45; Philippians 4:13

At the time of this Scripture, Joshua was about 90 years of age, or older.

In the preceeding chapters is recorded the division of the land which they

took from the enemies who surrounded them. This took place around 1400 B.C.

The division was made to tribes and special divisions such as cities of refuge, and the Levites and so on.

In the 44th verses we read, (read this). Joshua was saying that something which God had promised some time before had now taken place. But there is also something evident about Joshua which shows a part of his real nature. If you notice he speaks of "their" fathers; "they" possessed it; the Lord gave "them" rest; and there stood no enemies before "them." Using the third personal pronoun in this way gives us an example that Joshua was not a boastful person, but in all probability was humble. He could have said "I" did this, or, while "I" was leading God did so and so. But instead, he writes it to include himself as a part of the group.

But what he is saying here is something that had its roots in the first promises to Abraham. If we look at the 17th chapter of Genesis the 7th and 8th verses we can read what God had first promised He would do. It was to be first an everlasting covenant. Meaning of course that it would go on endlessly then it was to be given to all of his descendants after him. If we follow this through the early portions of Scripture we find that God first gave this promise to Abraham, then He reiterated it to Isaac, Abraham's son, then to Jacob a son of Isaac, then to Moses and then to Joshua. But ~~ix~~ the fulfillment of the promise came to its completion in the life of Joshua. There were some definite reasons why God did not permit them to overcome all of their enemies at once. In Deuteronomy 7:22 we read, (read this). This meant that the land would not become strewn with corpses and attract wild animals which fed on this food, and because of the widespread availability of this food be able to increase and overpopulate, thus creating a nuisance and menace for the Israelites.

We can see from this then that God as always, had this promise planned in infinite detail to work out for the good of His people. Once again we must marvel that God is God of order and not chaos.

Joshua concludes this brief portion of scripture with the words, "The Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. There failed nothing of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass."

Now just what is he saying? Well if we think of it in terms of adding to "The Recipe For Each Year," we can see that it is yet another part of the instructions necessary for God's recipe. We see here that God took and whipped the opposition around the Israelites. But in the process He also whipped the Israelites into a powerful and strong nation. If we think of it in terms of mixing ingredients together we realize there comes a time when certain things must be whipped together to give them the strength to hold the mixture together. Without the whipping process it will remain limp and useless.

Thus we see that God gave them not only the fulfillment of His promises, but He demonstrated His power. He did this not only by His word, but by His actions. The Apostle Paul exhorting the people in the early Christian Church in Philippi gave them a motto to cling to through thick and thin. I suppose I must say that this is for me the one verse in the Bible which helps me whenever things seem to be out of control, or a feeling of helplessness sets in. The verse is Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." It doesn't say a few things. Or some things. But "all things." I have shared this with our congregation on the opening page of this year's Yearbook. I believe that if all of us, would adopt this as our theme this year and now on, we will remove all of the mountains ~~of~~ which prevent us from being what we should be individually and collectively.

But how do we break through this veneer which strives to separate us from ^{Jesus} the complete faith and trust which God wants us to maintain through Christ?

(Illustration of cathedral in Cologne Germany and inscription on wall)

Although those poor Jews were not aware of the light God sent through Christ,

they trusted in Him supplying light in the darkness. You and I have the knowledge of that light, Jesus Christ coming into a darkened world and through Him we can overcome the world.

But how else can we tap this source of power and have all of our enemies delivered into our hands? We must make use of the means available to us to tap that power. That means of course is prayer.

(Illustration of 55 class and John, Kathleen, and Becky restored by God)

An isolated incident? Perhaps it is if we look at it through the eyes of the world. But if we are willing to look at it through the eyes of faith as God wants us to, we can see that this can and should be something we can report each and every week when we share our joys during the service. We need to know and understand that God can overcome through His power in ways we absolutely cannot comprehend. We need to know that God is waiting to unleash that power in ways that we cannot know or understand.

This doesn't mean of course that all illnesses, or all disease, or all suffering is going to disappear because we invoke the name of Almighty God. But it does mean that He will show us He is with us in and through all things, even the valley of the shadow of death.

One of the most potent parts of the "Recipe For Each Year" which you and I can possess is to have the POWER of God available. We can use that POWER to whip the ingredients in our lives to bring forth the strength He wants us to have. ~~xx~~ Each day you and I should be seeking to draw upon that POWER and to know and believe, "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH BRING ME GLORY."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "My God and I" Sergei
Rol Thompson, Sax., and Organ

*Processional Hymn No. 10 "O worship the King"

*Ascription - Choral Amen

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Our Father, we confess before
you that our lives are not what they should be. We do
undesired sin, and we permit temptations to overcome us.
But we know there is forgiveness with you when we do
confess. So as we humbly seek forgiveness, we ask for
new strength to lead a more Godly life, for we pray in
the Master's name. Amen."

*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips

*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Doxology No. 551

who's who in the Pew

Announcements

Concerns, Joys and Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 275 "O Love of God most full"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy Spirit

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory Anthem "At Worship" arr. Thompson

Chancel Choir

Anthem: "Peace Like A River" arr. Kirby

Chancel Choir

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 25: 5-13
Sermon: "The Recipe For Each Year:
Add Seasoning,"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 221 "My faith looks up to Thee"

*Benediction

*Choir "The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin

*Postlude "Coronation March" Meyerbeer

+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. George MacKinney in memory of their

"Granddaughter"- Kristine Adami.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel,

Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Nursery will be provided today by Karen Vensel and

Amy Burns.

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait will greet the Congregation at
the door this morning.

*Hospitalized: Mr. Wilmer Pfabe, Mrs. Elsie Kornrumpf. *CHARLOTTE CHAIRS*

The attendance last Sunday was 203

*Today at 5:30 P.M. - Congregational Dinner and Fellow-

ship. Year Books will be given out at this time also.

The Masters Road Crew will be providing entertainment.

Mr. Paul Pfabe will be Master of Ceremonies.

*Sunday School of the Air WBUT 8:45 A.M. February -

our teachers will be on. Bill Ohl, Paul Pfabe,

Vaughn Rodgers, Paul Harbison.

Monday January 28, 7:00 P.M. Finance Committee meeting.

Altar flowers are available Feb. 24, March 2, and 9,

and 16th. See Bea if you are interested in having

any of these Sundays.

Feb. 8 - ARC Sweetheart Dinner - Today is last day

to get tickets. Price is \$8.00. See Evie Kennedy.

Feb. 12 - Soup and Salad Day. Tickets are now on

sale at \$2.00. See Circle Chairman. We need 18 oz.

jars for carry outs (peanut butter jars are great).

Put them in the kitchen. Keep working on bazaar

items.

If you happen to run across a hymnal that has a broken

cover that would catch of ones clothing please drop

it off in the office of let it lay on your seat so

that it can be replaced.

"Recipe for each year: add seasoning,"
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"The Recipe For Each Year: 1st Seasoning,"

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 25:5-13

Texts: 2 Chronicles 25:9b; Philippians 4:19

(Illustration: Everyone is saying that we live in an age of shrinking money. But I would dispute this and offer as evidence this rather large penny I possess. (Show large novelty penny). Of course if I were to try and spend this we know that there would be a penalty to be paid.)

At one point in Jesus' ministry ~~some scribes~~ came to question Him. This is brought out very nicely in the film Jesus I have been telling you about. ~~the scribe~~ ~~scribes~~ was standing beside a Roman soldier and so ~~scribes~~ the answer Jesus was to give would stand Him in ill-favor with the Roman authorities, or so the ~~scribes~~ thought. The man paid Jesus a compliment to butter Him up, "We know that you speak the truth and you teach truthfully about God. Now tell us, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was wise to their intent and so He asked for a coin. The coin was given to Him and He asked, "Whose picture is this on the coin?" They answered, "Caesar's." His answer was, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." This is the choice we are constantly called upon to make.

The king we read about in our scripture this morning had to make this type of decision as well.

His name was Amaziah. He was 25 years of age when he came to the throne in Jerusalem as the 4th king of Judah. This was in the year 796 B.C. The first thing he did was to insure that those who murdered his father would not have a chance to do the same thing to him, because he had them ~~executed~~ executed. But he did what was right in the sight of God, at least for a period of time. To show he was a follower of God he did not destroy the children of the evil men who had slain his father. This was in keeping with the Mosaic law which forbade the killing of parents for acts of their children or vice-versa. In order to establish himself firmly he determined to go to battle and dispose of their enemies the Edomites. So he assembled an army of the men of Judah which numbered 300,000. But in addition to this he hired another 100,000 from the Northern Kingdom of Israel. These were paid professional soldiers. So he was now set to ~~go~~ do battle with the Edomites.

But before he could set his plan into motion an unknown prophet of God came to him with a message from God. The message was, "O Amaziah, all Israel has said of thee, thou art a man of God; and thou hast said, 'I will not go to war with Israel, nor will I fight with Ephraim.'" The name Ephraim was merely ~~xxxx~~ another name for the entire Northern Kingdom called Israel, of which the tribe of Ephraim was a part.

The message was not a direct command not to go, but it held with it a provision the king needed to weigh if he did. The man of God went on to say, "But if thou wilt go, be thou fortified with armour." In other words he was to be prepared. Prepared for what? The prophet answered, "For the king of Israel shall be against thee, and he shall fight with thee." If Amaziah wanted to take the 100,000 men from the Northern Kingdom he was free to do so. But if he did he had to know it was against what God wanted and for this he, Amaziah, would lose his life in battle. So he had to make a choice. The warning was there, and the prophet completed his remarks by stating, "For God hath power to help, and to cast down." God could either uplift, or destroy and quite plainly at this point the choice was Amaziah's.

But Amaziah looking to get his money's worth in whatever he did saw the 100 talents of silver, or 120,000 ounces going down the drain with nothing to show for it. So he asks the prophet, "What shall I give thee for this?" The answer given is a very simple one, "Thou shalt be able to give them gold and silver." He is being told that for his faithfulness God is going to repay him in much greater and larger ways. So Amaziah dismisses the army from the Northern Kingdom and they are very angry about this. So angry in fact that they took the opportunity on their way back home to destroy and plunder many cities of the Southern Kingdom. But Amaziah and his army are able to defeat their enemy.

Here we add the seasoning, the spice to our recipe for each year. But can't we picture this king of Judah with outstretched arms asking the prophet, "But what do I get in return for the money I have given those soldiers?" We can

picture it very well because it is the picture of many of us today. We stand with outstretched arms and shrugging our shoulders ask, "What's in it for me to give myself in service to the Lord? What do I get out of it to be a Deacon, or a Sunday School teacher, or something else in the church? Just what do I get in return?"

(Illustration of Arson Belles, Government play 1937)

Those people had spent their money for tickets and their tax dollars were spent to produce this play and they were questioning what do we get in return. But they never dreamed they would see a one time performance never to be repeated or duplicated. They got more than a return on their investment. This is what God promised to Amaziah. He said, "I am able to give thee more than this." Amaziah reaped the harvest of his God's provision many times over. God really seasoned his life.

But as members of the church we are not only asked to contribute service, but our money as well. "What's in it for me if I contribute a goodly portion of my money? Just what will I get in return?"

(Illustration of business man and missionary, bank vault and near death)

The return we receive from God cannot be measured by earthly standards. He merely asks that we be willing to trust Him for future dividends. When we serve and give faithfully in His church we are investing in eternity.

Are you still asking, "What's in it for me?" Ask and refusing to get involved? Are you still seeking evidence that God is going to season your life with something terrible before you serve or give?

There are no written guarantees that you could take God to court for if He doesn't produce. But they are found throughout His word. The Apostle Paul gives us one which can be the cornerstone upon which we build our trust and faith. In the 4th chapter of Philippians, the 19th verse he writes, "For my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Like Amaziah we are being asked to take Him at His word. We must do everything in the strength of knowing, "That the Lord is able to give thee more

than you will ever give him in time, or service, or anything else. He makes
us even in this world. for all that is given up for his sake.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany February 3, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Brian Hollefreund and Julie Vargo
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Song of Hope" Mueller
*Processional Hymn No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord Jesus Christ who didst
give Thy life for us that we might receive pardon and
peace, mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and evermore
keep us in Thy favor and love, who livest and reignest
with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world
without end. Amen."
*Kyrle (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests.
Hymn No. 283 "God is our Refuge and our Strength"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy Spirit
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Andante" Geissler
Anthem: "Share His Love" Reynolds
Sung by the Chancel Choir
Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-19
Sermon: "The Recipe for Each Year:
Follow Instructions Closely"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 466 "He leadeth me"
*Benediction
*Three Fold Amens
*Postlude: "Marche" Improvisation
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Walker in memory of Lawson Hindman.
Serving as Ushers today are *Chuck Penar, Dan Bosko,
Robert Kanuer and Dave McMillin.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Ellen Sanko
and Ellen Master.
Deacon and Mrs. Dave McMillin will greet the Congrega-
tion at the door this morning.
There were 207 in attendance last week.
Monday - The Little People Day Care Center will begin
operation from our Church Library on Monday February 4.
If any of our members are in need of Day Care, or know
someone who is you may contact Kate Hipple at 285-4312
for details. This is a private Day Care Center and
the rates are lower.
Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting
Thurs. - Newsletter will be published - please have
all material in by Wednesday.
Today following the Church Service - Meeting of the
Women Ushers - back of the Sanctuary.
Tues., Feb. 12 - Soup and Salad Day. Get your tickets
after church today at the Brugh Ave. door. We need
small plastic containers for salad carry-outs. -
(Put them in the kitchen)
Tonight - Cherub Choir Rehearsal - 7-7:30 P.M.
Flowers for the Altar are available Feb. 24, March 9th
and 16th. See Bea if you are interested.
Today - Ice Skating - meet at Church at 1:00 -
We will car pool - Lakeview Racquet Club.
Jane Armstrong would like to thank the Congregation
for their Sympathy cards, and everyone in the Church
for anything and all they did for her and her family,
in the recent passing of her husband - Guy.
Rob Vinson and Don Kingsley will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Hospitalized: Elsie Lynch, Wilmer Pfabe, and Charlotte
Christy.

The Recipe for Each Year: Follow Instructions
Script: 9 Chron. 29:10-19; Matt: 12b "Closely,"

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Vss 11,12,14b,15=gratnes &

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use, but no own it

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but also pt out guidanc vss 15,17a

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(illus architect : peop hav own design want certif)

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(illus 2c, inley, Bear, mosquito)

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(illus Mrs. okanson, widow, mental reterl son etc)

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"Be active for each year: Follow Instructions closely,"

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:18-19

int: 1 Chronicles 29:12b

Shortly before the death of King David he called a formal public assembly of all the leaders and people to present his son Solomon to them as the new king to succeed himself. He informs the people that Solomon will be the one to build the temple with the materials he, King David has secured to do so.

So it is then that David from a thankful heart for all that God has done for him begins to pray and this is what we read as our scripture for this morning. David first acknowledges the wonderful things which God has done for them. For these things he gives hearty thanks. In fact, we can look at this prayer and see that it is a ~~xx~~ prayer filled with thanksgiving for numerous things. We would all do well to use ~~xxxxxxxx~~ this prayer as a model for our prayers. In it are contained three basic themes which are interwoven and intertwined.

David acknowledges the greatness of God; he offers his gratitude for himself and his people; and he acknowledges the guidance of God.

Vers 11,12,14b,16 point to the greatness of God. We sing, "How Great Thou Art," but how often do we really think of that greatness? How often in a day, or a week do we ever acknowledge this in our prayers to God? We should never forget that everything around us speaks of that greatness of our God and His great love. Everything belongs to Him, not us. We merely get the use of it, but don't own it. David recognized this with gratitude which we read in vers 10b, and 15. We

points it out the knowledge of God's guidance in vs 15 and 17a.

But David knew that it took more than just knowing these things about God for the people to grow and develop in their faith. He knew that only with the continued blessings of God, only with the continued guidance would they survive.

to be prayed for the people, entrusting these things to God's care and keeping. vs 12- this is a prayer for the people collectively. He just placed it in 'God' hands and was content to let God answer in His own way. But isn't this rather unlike what the average person wants to do? Don't we want to have our prayers answered our way?

(Illustration of architect and people telling him how to design house)

Isn't it much like many of us pray? We know how God should answer our prayers and if He would only listen to us. But God knows what is best for us and the best thing He can do is not to answer the way we usually want things done. We need to thank God that He doesn't permit us to make everything up which we would most often do if we got our way or wishes. ~~Remember~~

But then David also prayed for another concern he had and this is found in verse 19, (read). He felt the need for God's special guidance in the life of Solomon his son. This is normal for anyone. We want the best for those we love don't we? Many times I am sure our prayers are centered around our families and friends. Those who are close to us. There is nothing wrong with this. In fact, this is what God wants us to do.

But this requires another element and that is again the trust that God will take care of it in His own way. This is what David did. He didn't pray that God would take care of this in such an such a way. Instead, he just prayed, "Give to my son a perfect heart and let him keep your commandments and so on." This means that we must "Follow instructions closely," if we are to know "The recipe for each year," of our lives. The instructions always are, "Be still and know that I am God." Another old hymn tells us, "Trust and obey." This is probably more difficult for all of us than many other things. As we ponder these things we believe that we must be in control or things are going to fall apart.

(Illustration President McKinley, bear and mosquito).

This describes most of us at one time or another. We can trust completely in His guidance for the large things which we really can't control. But we think we can get rid of the pesky little things without His help.

(Illustration Mrs. Johnson, mentally retarded son, widow etc).

Things like this have a way of making us pass them off as being out of the ordinary and therefore could never happen to us. But that is our adversaries way of getting us away from complete trust and faith in God's wonderful provisions for all of our lives.

Jesus talked to his followers about sparrows and how God provided for them.

He said that not one of them falls to the ground without God knowing it. His remark

~~was~~ then was, ~~that~~ "Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." This would mean that God is ~~is~~ guiding and directing these lives we live.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Boy Scout Sunday February 10, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Piano
Mr. Lloyd Link, Youth Choir Director
Brian Hollefreund, Julie Vargo - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Jesus Only" Wilson
*Processional Hymn No. 11 "Ye servants of God"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father Almighty, we know that we have gone into hiding, even though we have been made for thy glory, we have tried to keep away from thy presence. Forgive us and bring us once again to the place where we may see thee and sing praises to thy majesty; through Jesus Christ. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests.
Children's Moment (All Children please come forward to Chancel)
Cherub Choir - "O Be Careful" Dir. Cyndie Sybert
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy Spirit
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Litany" Schubert
A Anthem: "Happiness Is the Lord" Stanphill
Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7
Sermon "The Recipe For Each Year: Glend All Ingredients"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 226 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"
*Benediction
*Three Fold Amen
*Postlude Feder
***** *Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. William Pflugh and Family in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Barb Vargo, Virginia Mangel, Nancy Link and Karen Kennedy.
Nursery will be provided today by Cheryl Mager, and Debra Johnston.
Elder and Mrs. Robert Dellen will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.
Tues - Feb. 12 - Soup and Salad Day. Get your tickets after Church today at the Brugh Ave. door or at the door on Tues. Betty Tressler will be accepting bazaar items Monday night after 6:00 or early Tues. Morning. Still needed are small plastic containers for salad carry-outs.
Today - Easter Egg order forms must be in today - give to Mary Burns or Virginia Mangel.
Thursday - Volleyball
Friday (Hall is reserved for a dinner)
Next Sunday - all Under Shepherds please pick up material for Lent after Church.

I want to thank those who gave of their time, substance and labor to do a good deed for their Church. Those who worked with me to make three chair racks, clothes rack combinations. Thank you Don Kingsley, Al Tait, Howard McLaren, Jim Nazaruk and all those who volunteered and were not asked because of limited work space. May the Lord Bless you all -- Mike Nazaruk.
There are other projects being planned for the Church. If you would like to volunteer or help. call Mike Nazaruk or Don Kingsley.
Coming - Feb. 21 (Thursday) 6:30 P.M. Butler Area Laymen's Dinner here at St. Paul's - J. Walter Harmon and Chuck Penar have tickets.

"The recipe for each year: Blend all ingredients"
 scrip: Isa 47:1-7; text: Isa 49:3a
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"The Recipe For Each Fear: Blend All Ingredients"

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Text: Isaiah 43:5a

in March of 1920

A baby girl was born in New York city and at the age of six weeks she became blind because of improper treatment from a doctor. She went through all of life completely blind and lived to the age of 95.

A 17 year old girl dove into the water of Chesapeake Bay hitting her head, and is paralyzed from the neck down. Tragedies? Perhaps. It all depends on how you look at life. This series of messages has been geared to stimulate our thinking along the lines of God's care and keeping of us in this life and in eternity. As we wrap it all up and look at the final portion of "The Recipe For Each Fear," we need to take all of the foregoing things and "blend all ~~xxxxx~~ ingredients," together.

God's people, Israel, were being ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ prepared by the prophet Isaiah for future days and events. They had not yet gone into exile, but he was looking ahead to the time when they would be either in exile in Babylon, or dispersed throughout other parts of the world. God speaks to the people and declares that He is their creator and that it is He who has released them, vs 1.

Then He describes some ~~xxx~~ calamities which could overcome them, but they will not because God is in control, vs 2, and He is God, vs 3a.

The people are to not fear, for God's promise is to be with them, vs 5a.

A portion of this scripture had to do with Israel being released from bondage to the Babylonians and a portion of it, the 6th and 7th verses pertain to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ when all Israel will return from the ends of the earth. The point we need to look at is the promise from God ^{WHICH} ~~was~~ ^{was} not only valid for the Israelites, but is still valid for us today. "Fear not: for I am with thee."

God showed, and shows this in so many different ways both in the past, the present, and the future. A good illustration of this is to be found in the book of Genesis.

It is here we read the story of the sons of Jacob and in particular the incident involving the one son Joseph. Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob because he had been born ~~xx~~ in Jacob's old age. He was 17 when he told his brothers of several dreams he had concerning them, which he interpreted as showing he would be over and above them. They were extremely jealous of him first because of the favoritism Jacob showed him, and secondly because they didn't like his rather superior attitude.

So they seized the opportunity to throw him into a pit, taking his coat given to him by his father and sold him to some slave traders who carried him off to Egypt. When to cover up their deed they took the blood of a goat and smeared it on the coat and told their father Jacob that Joseph was devoured by a wild animal.

But Joseph became a trusted man in the kingdom of the ^{held} Pharaoh and soon he ~~xxx~~ held the office of prime minister, a role second only to Pharaoh himself. So it was through a series of events Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy ~~xx~~ food for them during the famine. Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize him and so he was able to do some maneuvering which caused them to do some deep soul searching.

Finally, Joseph brought all of this to a climax where he was able to confront his brothers privately, and to inform them that it was he, Joseph, their long lost brother. This is what he shared with them as recorded in the 45th chapter of Genesis, (read vs 4-7). He looks at all of what had transpired and he states, (vs 8).

This is what God wants ~~xxx~~ everyone to know and understand. It is God who alone brings good out of evil. And it is God who alone looks after His own. The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans said, "All things work together for good." But it takes more than the circumstances for this to happen. He qualifies this with, "to them who love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." This doesn't mean that just anybody can wander around through life and do anything and believe that their circumstances will work out for good. ~~It~~

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It means that those who belong to God will have His guidance and direction for the rest of their lives, even in the direst circumstances. To belong to God means that we are willing to accept His gift of love given through Jesus Christ and thus become one of His children by being born into the family of God. This is not an automatic thing. It is something we must do on our own.

But being human we want to look at life as either being a blessing or a curse. The girl born blind and living for 95 years in darkness because of the mistake of a doctor; was her life a tragedy? No, it wasn't, for she was Fannie Crosby the hymnwriter who perhaps wrote more hymns than anyone else.

The 17 year old girl who became paralyzed from the neck down; has her life been one of futility and waste? No, it hasn't. Her name is Loui Harrison and she has become a witness for her Saviour and is showing so called handicapped people all over the world that a fruitful life can be lived even in the midst of affliction.

(Illustration of boy and deformed foot, and devoted father)

There is a parallel to the love of God for His children. It doesn't mean that God causes deformity, or illness, or disease, or even death. All of these things have come about because of the sin of man. The fall of man in the garden of Eden. The fall of Adam and Eve. This is what brought all of the afflictions into the world. ~~xxxxxx~~ These are the things which separate men from God. So God showed His extreme love for mankind by coming into the world in the person of Jesus Christ and being put to death on the cross. This was a ~~xxxxxx~~ human sacrifice with a purpose. The death of Jesus in this manner was a defeat. But it was also a victory. The defeat was that of sin and the punishment of sin is death. The ~~victory~~ victory is that death not only had to be entered into, it had to be overcome and this took place in the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. So from what appeared to be utter defeat, came forth a life beyond this life for all who accept God's free gift as given through Jesus Christ.

So you see when affliction, or pain, or troubles assail us, we need to understand that in the very midst of them they can be used by God to serve a purpose. That is their purpose. That ~~xxxxxx~~ can only be glorified and only a loving Father can do this. But we must be willing to take whatever the occasion is, and claim it as being used for God's glory even when we don't understand all of it, or perhaps do not understand any of it.

^{Strength}
Our ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ for all days of our year must be that we live in God's care and keeping. We would do well to adopt as our watchword what God has said in His word: "Fear not: for I am with thee; all things work together for good to them that love God; to them that are called according to His purpose."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany February 17, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Merrill Kohlhofer, Guest Speaker
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tina Groves and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Cavatina" Raff
*Processional Hymn No. 30 "Come, ye who love the Lord"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Almighty God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ who was dead but lives, and will put down every power that hurts or destroys, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen."
Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips.
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 274 "Jesus, the very thought of Thee"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray.
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
O'fortory "Largo" Chopin
Anthem: "He Was There All the Time" Paxton
Sung by Cyndie Sybert

Scripture: Psalm 137:1-6
John 21:15-19

Sermon: "Singing the Lord's Song"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Gleaming Hymn No. 471 "More love to Thee, O Christ"

*Benediction

Threefold Amen

*Postlude

Feder

***** *Congregation Standing *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Roy Pflugh in loving memory of her "Husband" Roy. Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy. Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet everyone today. The attendance last Sunday was 225. Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barb Vargo and Lori Zavaacky.

Mr. Merrill Kohlhofer is a graduate from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 1979.

We are happy to have visitors from two other charges of the Penn West Conference this morning.

Hospitalized: Mrs. Norma Wolfe, Montefiore, Pgh.Rm.323 N. Mrs. Charlotte Christy - BCMH.

Bea Tait and Karen Kennedy will be visiting the Hospital this week.

The Under Shepherds will pick up their material for Lent in front of the Sanctuary after the service today. The material should be in the hands of the Congregation by Ash Wednesday.

Our Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion will be held in Rehoboth Hall. You have never seen a Service like it before.

Thursday - Feb. 21 - 6:30 P.M. - Butler Area Laymen's Dinner here at our Church. J. Walter Harmon and Chuck Penar have tickets - see them today.

Fri. - Special meeting - Finance Committee, Follow-up Committee, Bldg. Planning Committee, and anyone interested in attending. Mr. Brad Chase will be here at 7:30 P.M. This is a very important meeting - so plan to be here.

Next Sunday evening - 7:30 - Will be our first Service on Sunday evening - replacing Wed. evening Services.

"Places in the crowd: 'The Yellows'
Part 1: Series: 'The Yellows' 7:14

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"Faces in the Crowd: The Believer"

Scripture: Matthew 27:13

St: Matthew 27:14

We are now at the point of the very end of the drama which was being unfolded upon Calvary's hill. We have followed each segment the arrest of Jesus, through his trial and through his execution up to this moment. We hung on that cross for approximately six hours and it was now 3:00 P.M. At 3:00 the Jewish feast of the Passover was to begin and if Jesus was to be still hanging there it would defile all of them. They would be considered ceremonially unclean and thus be unable to partake of the feast and celebration. So the Jewish leaders fretted over this. But their fears were groundless for we read in the 50th verse, (read this). And then we see the amazing results of what transpired following his death. (read verses 51-53 & explain). The veil hid the holy of holies from everyone, but now it was revealed. This signified that anyone could or can come to God without first going through a priest.

Then there was an earthquake and many graves were broken open because of this and along with this the dead were resurrected and were seen by many people. This in a sense was the forerunner of what was to take place in just a few days, involving none other than this supposed criminal who hung between two other criminals.

But even in the midst of this dire circumstance, God was able to bring about good out of evil. We always lose this, but too often those who should know and understand this do not.

We read as our scripture one short verse which tells a very meaningful tale.

The only one who is identified in the centurion and we can only conjecture who the others were. We read, "Now when the centurion and they that were with him, watching Jesus." A centurion was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ an officer in the Roman army. He was in charge of a company ~~xx~~ of 100 men and this was called a "century." He gave the orders and saw that they were carried out. Thus it is a good probability that the ones identified as, "they that were with him," were a goodly number of his men. Their job was to

oversee the execution at this point. They stood guard so that no one interfered with criminals being executed; they kept control over the crowd so they didn't get too close; they kept the family from getting out of hand; and they were there to maintain law and order. We don't know how many of them were on duty at Salvary, but it is a safe bet to say that there were enough there to keep things in order.

As we read while they were about their appointed tasks, "they saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly." This was no ordinary execution. For most of them this type of execution was a normal procedure. This may have even been a special group of soldiers whose job it was just to carry out these executions. If that were the case most of them had become hardened to the torture involved. But as they were carrying out this execution, and so many strange things began to happen a sense of fear must have crept into their hearts. They knew all about the controversy surrounding this man Jesus of Nazareth. As normal human beings they would have used their common sense to feel that he was either worthy of this death, or he was framed. They were not in a position to do anything about it, but nevertheless, no one could prevent them from their own thoughts and opinions.

So when the ~~xxxx~~ darkness covered the land, and the lightning flashed, and the earthquake rumbled, all of this about the time when he died, surely this was no ordinary man. So we read, "they feared greatly," and rightly so. I am sure that almost anyone under these unusual circumstances would fear greatly.

But it is then that we read an unusual affirmation coming from them. Matthew tells us, "they feared greatly saying, Truly this was the Son of God." For a group of Gentiles to make this statement would have meant a complete change of heart. Mark identifies the Centurion as ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the only one making the remark. But whether it was made by one or a group, it shows that somehow God's message had gotten to them. Jesus had said prior to his death, and signifying how he would die, "and I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." This was partially fulfilled at the very moment of his death. The magnificence of the

cross was doing the job God intended for it to do.

It notice what was said, "Truly this was THE Son of God." Not just, "A Son," or, "one of the sons," or something of this nature. It was "THE," Son of God. This identifies Him as the only one.

Here was God's plan now fulfilled and complete. There was the body and blood shed to cover the sins of everyone past, present, and future. That Cross of Jesus Christ still has that power and magnetism to draw men to God. It is that which makes up our Gospel and we cannot preach anything else. It is the blood of Jesus Christ which covers, and cleanses all sin and nothing else can ~~be~~ take its place.

So once again here ~~xxx~~ we are about to partake of that body and blood which was shed for our cleansing and forgiveness. Let us come in the full knowledge that God provided this for each of us personally. And let us come and partake "or as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania

Ash Wednesday February 20, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist
Mr. Paul Pfabe - Liturgist
Mr. Chester Stauffer - Liturgist

A WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

Prelude "When I survey the wondrous Cross" Morris

*Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 153 "When I survey the wondrous cross"

The Passover and the Lord's Supper Remembered

Scripture: John 6:48-58

The Message:

Our Hopes and Candles Are Kindled

FOOTSTEPS THROUGH THE VALLEY

Step One: He is Betrayed. Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16

Leader: Why do the heathen rage, and the people
imagine a vain thing?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and
the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord,
and against His anointed saying, "Let us break their
bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Leader: He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
the Lord shall have them in derision.

People: Then shall He speak to them in His wrath,
and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have
I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will
declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me,
Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for
thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the
earth for thy possession.

Hymn No. 153 - verse 1 "Alas! and did my Saviour"

Step Two: He is Tempted. Matthew 26: 36-44

Anthem Chancel Choir

Step Three: He is Abandoned. Matthew 26: 40-56

Prayer of Abandoners:

People: Yes, unrequited Lord, I would not leave thee
I will renounce what'er doth vex or grieve thee
And quench with thought of thee and prayers most lowly,
All fire wholly.

A Petition

People: But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, O let Thy Spirit win me
And reign within me.

A Petition

People: But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake thou wilt not disown
it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in thy great meekness,
Nor shame my weakness. Amen.

Announcements

Offering Offertory - Solo - Cyndie Sybert

Prayer of Thanks

Step Four: He is Denied. Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75

The Apostles Creed - Page 38 Hymnal

We echo Peter's Confidence

Step Five: He is Beaten. Matthew 27: 27-31

Hymn No. 153 - Verse 2

Step Six: He is Ridiculed. Matthew 27:39-44

Hymn No. 153 - Verse 3

Step Seven. He is Crucified.

Christ's Seven Words From The Cross

Hymn No. 153 - Verses 4 and 5

THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME

The Institution and Consecration of The Elements

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

(please retain elements until all have been served
and we will all commune together)

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 161 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

*Leader: You shall drink the cup that I will drink

*People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou
preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord forever. Amen.

*Threefold Amen

*Postlude

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In the midst of life we are in death. This evening as we gather to observe the sacrifice our Lord and Saviour made for us, we are reminded that death is a constant enemy of all. Death is the robber that takes away life. And as such, death even reaches into the midst of life in the forms of betrayal, temptation, loneliness, and ridicule, to rob us of the joy and peace Jesus would have us enjoy in life. Tonight we celebrate the victory over this robber death by experiencing the steps our Lord took for us through the valley of the shadow of death. Because he walked there, death has lost its sting. Because his rod and staff are with us, we fear no evil. The first Passover meal and subsequent Passover meals have been eaten down through the years by the Jewish people to celebrate and recall God's guiding rod and staff as they passed through their own valley of the shadow.

In the bitter herbs, they tasted the bitterness of this slavery. In the unleavened bread, they recalled the haste with which they left Egypt and ventured forth into the wilderness and they tasted the miraculous bread supplied by the Lord in that wilderness. In the greens and the wine, they experienced the goodness of the earth which had sustained them. Finally, the presence of the lamb whose was a reminder of the way in which the paschal lamb was sacrificed so that its blood could mark the door, out to insure that their houses would not be visited by the angel of death. Just as the first Passover prepared God's people for their journey through the wilderness, this meal is eaten each year to prepare following generations for their journey through a life. Earlier, Jesus the Passover meal to prepare his disciples for their own lives and death. So it is that we use this Lord's Supper to prepare our lives as well.

Scripture: John 1:41-51 - Paul Tabe

to receive: either

tonight we recall the way in which our Lord walked alone through the valley of the shadow of death so that we will never have to walk there alone. As He took each step without being destroyed, He absorbed and erased the power of death to destroy our living or our dying.

(the candles are now lit.)

At this point, the candles we now light as a symbol of the way the spirit of the disciples burned brightly with excitement and anticipation after that first Lord's Supper. With each step through the valley toward the cross, some of the light is extinguished and the Lord becomes lonelier -- and yet, the light is never completely extinguished and returns to become the light of our lives. John tells us, "the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness could not overcome it."

Rehearsal: 1947-48 All Valleys

Step One: He is Betrayed. Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16 - Paul Ifabe

Chet: Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, "let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Chet: He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

People: Then shall we speak to them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Chorus 113 - verse 1

Step Two: He is Tempted. Matthew 26:36-44 - Paul Ifabe

Chorus

Step Three: He is Abandoned. Matthew 26:46-56 - Chet Stauffer

Prayer of Abandoners: - Pastor

People: Yes, unrequited Lord, I would not leave thee
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve thee
And quench with thought of thee and prayers most lowly,
All fires unholy.

Pastor: Lord, we would not let you down. We would serve you

ith Institution and Consecration:

Take one loaf, (partially pre-cut) hold up and break etc.
Hold up Chalice as always.

With distribution have Paul on one side and Chet on other.

~~Take xxx. Have Paul lift one bread plate from table, walk to xxx~~
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Pass loaf down table, one half to each side and say, "This is the
body of our Lord Jesus, broken for you, take, and pass it on to
your neighbor.

Then have Paul pick up bread plate, move to small cross, take
bread, break, and pass on with same words.

Have Chet do same and repeat.

With Cup, give two trays to Paul and Chet and ask people to
pass on xxx as I pass down trays at my table.

with heart and mind and soul. We want to Lord - the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

People: But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, oh, let Thy spirit win me
And reign within me.

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Pastor: Lord, we would not, what is disobedient to you, we would
not flee from our responsibilities and yet, the good that
we would do we do not, and the evil which we would not
do, that we do.

People: But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness,
Nor shame my weakness. Amen.

Announcements

Offering

Prayer of Thanks - Janet Stauffer

Step Four: He is Denied. Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 - Paul Lfabe

The Apostles Creed - Page 30 Lymnal;
The echo later's Confidence - Pastor

Step Five: He is Beaten. Matthew 27:27-31 - Janet Stauffer

Lymn 155 - verse 2

Step Six: He is Ridiculed. Matthew 27:39-44 - Paul Lfabe

Lymn 155 - verse 3

Step Seven: He is Crucified.
Christ's Seven Words from the Cross
(after each word Paul extinguishes one candle)

1. Chor: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.
Ralph: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief. He was despised and we
esteemed Him not.

2. Chet: Verily, I say unto you, today you shall be with me in paradise.
 Ralph: Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great because he poured out his soul to death and made intercession for the transgressors.
3. Chet: Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!
 Ralph: He was cut off out of the land of the living; although he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth.
4. Chet: I thirst.
 Ralph: Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
5. Chet: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
 Ralph: Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him.
6. Chet: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.
 Ralph: He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities.
7. Chet: It is finished.
 Ralph: Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

Adam 153 - verses 4 and 5

My God And Thy Staff They Comfort Me

The Institution and Consecration of the Elements

Ralph: It is indeed right and proper that we should give thanks and praise to you O God, our Father, who through Christ our Lord on the tree of the cross gave salvation for all, that where death began, there life might be restored, and that as by a tree of life overcome, might by a tree overcome, therefore we bless you because when he walked through the valley of the shadow of death for us he took the common elements of bread and wine, and gave them to his disciples as the symbols of his own body and blood. (Matthew 26:26-28)

The Distribution of Communion

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Ralph: You shall drink the cup that I will drink.

Chet: Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Threefold Amen.

Postlude.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
First Sunday in Lent February 24, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tina Groves and Karen Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Bells of Arcadia" Couperin
*Processional Hymn No. 184 "All hail the power of Jesus' name"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (IN Unison) "Our Father, we confess before
you that our lives are not what they should be. We
do undesired sin, and we permit temptations to overcome
us. But we know there is forgiveness with you when we
do confess. So as we humbly seek forgiveness, we ask
for new strength to lead a more Godly life, for we pray
in the Master's name. Amen.
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips.
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 303 "Come, ye disconsolate"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray.
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach
Anthem: "Take my Life and Let it Be" Chancel Choir
and Rol Thompson, Piccolo Williams
Scripture: Matthew 26: 6-13
Sermon: "Faces in The Crowd: The Bethany Oiler"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 299 "Lead on, O King eternal!"
*Benediction
Choral Response "The Lord Bless You: Lutkin
*Postlude "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Morris

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Nohach to "The Glory of God"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel, Don
Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Mary Dellen and
Robin Knauer.
Nursery will be available on Sunday evenings during
Lent.
The attendance last Sunday was 172.
Bruce McBride and Roy Andrews will be visiting the
Hospital this week. *ALICE REATY - NURSE*
Hospitalized- Mr. H. J. Diefenderfer and Mr. Howard
Jaillet. Mrs. Norma Wolfe - Montefiore Hosp. Pitts.
Tickets are available for the Pancake and Sausage Day
here at the Church on March 15 from 11:00 to 7:00 P.M.
See Dick Mangel.
Tonight - 7:30 - Lenten Service. - *NURSERY AVAILABLE*
New Members will be received on Palm Sunday. If you
should know of anyone interested in joining the
Church please either drop a slip of paper in the
offering plate or let the Pastor know.

I need Thee Lord, indeed I do
I need Thy grace to see me through;
For every day and every hours
I need Thy secret cleansing power.
I need Thee Lord through every day
Each morning as I kneel to pray;
I need to sense Thy presence near
Set free from every doubt and fear.
I need Thee Lord, indeed I do
No other truth could be more true;
So lay Thy hand upon my brow
Thou touch me! Heal me! Fill me now!

"Face in the Crowd: the Bethany Ciler"
Contact: 6:15-17; 18:15-17

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"Faces In The Crowd: The Bethany" ilor"

Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

Text: Matthew 26:17

It was just a plain ordinary one of the still better situated in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the little town of Bethany which was just outside Jerusalem, about a mile and ~~1/2~~ three quarters. The route from Bethany to Jerusalem or from Jerusalem to Bethany was just a footpath over the mount of olives. It was on this footpath that Jesus was in Bethany when he entered into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday and then returned to Bethany to spend his last days with some of his friends. Ironically, modern day Bethany has a name which translates means, "Lazarus Village, and there is still a tomb on display much like the one from which Lazarus was raised by Jesus.

But in this flat so-called humble house, Jesus had come a day or so before he was to ride triumphantly into Jerusalem and be acclaimed as the son of David. The owner of this particular house is identified as Simon the leper. But he was no longer a leper for Jesus had healed him. In all probability the healing of this man was what precipitated the friendship Jesus was able to have with the rest of the family. For you see, the man was the father of Mary and Martha the sisters we read about in other portions of the Gospels, and also the father of their brother Lazarus, the man whom Jesus raised from the dead.

So it was not at all unusual for Jesus to return to this house ~~at~~ in which he felt at home and at ease before he began the final days which would culminate in his death. He enjoyed the company of the two young ladies and in all probability had a special attraction for Mary because she was the one who wanted to talk to him while Martha was so concerned about getting the housework done. As they ate their meals, they reclined at the table, unlike us who sit upon seats or chairs to do so. And it was not at all unusual that Mary could produce the container of what was called "ointment" and pour it upon the head of Jesus as he was eating. His disciples didn't take too kindly to this action. There is always the possibility they were a little envious that a young lady didn't do this for them and they passed off the excuse that they were concerned about the poor. Jesus' answer to them does not imply that he was unconcerned

about the poor, but that he was going to die in the near future and the poor would still be there to be tended to.

As further told them this anointing, this oiling of his head was the preliminary step for what would take place in a few short days from then. And these men the significance of what was taking place and known what he was talking about, I would imagine their hearts would have been filled with a sense of grief. But they saw it only from the standpoint that this expensive oil was being wasted by this thoughtless young lady. But Jesus knew it and understood it as being an act of love and for it he said she would be remembered whenever his gospel was preached in the world.

And the evidence is right here as reported in Matthew, Mark and John. John is the one who identifies the young lady as Mary and it certainly isn't surprising when we consider that she was the one who listened intently to Jesus when he visited their house.

We have here the first "Face in the Crowd"; the "Unknown Pilgrim," if you will. -the face of a loving young woman who was willing to show that love in a way which left her open and vulnerable to criticism and hatred, and probably jealousy. Mary and Jesus had a clean, pure relationship and there was nothing cheap or dirty, or revealing about it. It was a relationship built on a love between a man and a woman which was above and beyond the physical and sensual love everyone expects or suspects is there in this kind of relationship. Thus we can see there were no real elements showing forth in those who were witnesses to her actions.

Mr. Jones:

The disciples were first of all somewhat like ~~themselves~~ who was leaving his hotel one morning and in the lobby took what he thought was his umbrella from the umbrella stand, but was mistaken very quickly by a man standing nearby that the umbrella belonged to him, and ~~that~~ was not the umbrella of Mr. Jones. (Illustration of Mr. Jones, his umbrella and being mistaken)

This is what the disciples saw and what you and I so often see and that is what is on the surface. How many times have we thought ill or badly of someone and we did so by just looking at what was on the surface. It is easy to misjudge any circumstance by only seeing the surface and not knowing the complete story.

The disciples saw only Mary's loving gesture of pouring this ointment, or oil, on Jesus' head and passed their judgment at that point. What were their feelings at this point in their misjudgment of this scene? In all probability they were looking at this action from the standpoint of being left out. They were jealous of the attention Mary was paying to Jesus. They were envious of Jesus permitting her to do this. They were feeling resentment for Mary having a favored place in Jesus's heart. But had they done anything to make his life a little easier in these latter days? Had they sought to give him the honor to which he was entitled? No, because they were too wrapped up in their own feelings and desires to understand what ~~xxx~~ the real significance of all of this was.

But along with their misjudgment of this scene they were also guilty of another action common to all of us.

(Illustration of children playing Noah's Ark & giving him help for sacrifice)

We can smile at this and pass it off as the cute little antics of children. But how many of us have never outgrown this stage and continue in all of our adult years to act like little children in what we are willing to offer to God? The disciples stood back and questioned the validity of using this expensive oil for the common purpose of making Jesus head and hair smell pretty. Why was not ~~xx~~ a cheaper grade of oil used? Is not just plain old common olive oil just as good as this expensive kind? If this scene were to be repeated today I am certain that many of us would stand as the disciples and insist that used automobile oil be used because 10 - 20 cost less such money. And yet, the disciples were content to let take all that Jesus had to offer to help and assist them in their lives, but they were unwilling to acknowledge that he was deserving of special honor because of who he was.

So once again this incident boils down to the basic question of who or what is central in our lives? Is Jesus Christ at the center of what we say and do?

Is he the one which motivates us in what we do and say? Is pleasing and honoring him what we desire to do in the church, in the home, in the business, in the

school and everywhere else!

His is what was at the center of what Mary did for Jesus. She loved him so much that she was willing to give him anything she had cost her a great price. Like most young ladies she probably had this ointment, or oil around to use on special occasions and when a special guest came along put a dab or two on herself. But with Jesus she shared the entire thing. No reservation here. Just a complete outpouring of what she had to offer him.

The first face we see in the world, is the face of love. When is you look at the cross can you pick out your face there? Is it like people the face of love (or does it reflect jealousy, envy, vindictiveness, or self-interest)? Could we need to begin to look at ourselves in the mirror as the world sees us. We need to place Jesus Christ at the very center of our lives and thus reflect the love this world can never have.

"Fishes in the Crowd: The XXXXXX Treasures"

Scripture: Zechariah 11:10-13

Text: Zechariah 11:12

In the year 520 B.C. a young prophet by the name of Zechariah was in Jerusalem encouraging the people to complete the work on the temple. During the two short years of his ministry he gave more prophecies concerning the Messiah in that short a time than any other prophet. The portion of Scripture we just read is a good example of this. In order to understand it we need to look at it closely.

He used this prophecy as a role play of the life of the Good Shepherd. In his hands were two staves. The first staff was "Beauty." This signified God's protection over Israel. The second staff was "Fishes." This is found in verse 12 and signifies the brilliant spark of the inner soul of the nation and thus opened the way for their downfall.

In verse 11 he is speaking of the Jews who believed on Jesus as the Messiah at His first coming. He points out they "waited on me," and "now."

But because the people rejected the Good Shepherd and His ministry ended then he asked for his wages. So his wages were weighed for them came to 30 pieces of silver. If we look in Exodus 21:12, we read that the price of a slave was 10 shekels of silver. This was the redemption price for that slave and when we look at it in this light we must also look at it in the light of what transpired in the latter days of the life of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 26:15 we read, (read this). So here we see the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy of 300 years before. The rest of it came to pass also as we shall see in a short while.

But perhaps we need to look at the man called Judas Iscariot. He was named this and there is much conjecture as to what his name really meant. In all probability it was Judas of Kerioth which he was known by. This meant of course that he was from the village of Kerioth which was in Judah. This would have meant that he was the only non-Galilean of the disciples. It also would have meant that he spoke Aramaic which is the language Jesus spoke.

Not too much is known about Judas from the Gospel accounts. Almost every instance where he is mentioned, he is depicted as the betrayer of Jesus. No one knows why he turned Jesus over to the Jewish authorities, but there are several reasons put forth. In the Gospel of John, the 13th chapter we recorded the incident which we used this morning as our Scripture. It is there in the 4th through the 6th verses that we discover a theory John had about his circumstances. We know from this that Judas was the treasurer of the band of disciples. It is thought that since he had stolen, or used money from the fund they had, then perhaps he wanted to get the money back without anyone knowing he had taken it. It is thought that perhaps he believed that rather than let himself be taken prisoner, Jesus would perform some miraculous feat and save himself from any harm.

The other theory is that Judas wanted to force Jesus' hand and make him assert himself as he should. After all, if he was the Messiah, the Messiah, then he needed to quit fooling around and begin to overthrow their enemies.

Both of these theories lack the true meaning of what God had planned as the redemption for mankind. When we look at the prophecy of Isaiah we need to understand that God gave it in this fashion so that it would be fulfilled just as he gave it. So we can see that Isaiah's action on the part of the Messiah, foretells of the price of redemption for a slave. From this then we can understand that God had a man selected to fulfill the role of betrayer. Jesus didn't like this anymore than anyone else. He gave Judas ample time in which to do otherwise if you read the accounts of the Last Supper. But when Jesus saw that he was not going to prevail, He told him, "Whatever you are going to do, do it quickly." In other words, "Let's get it over with." Jesus also said in John 13:18-19, (read this), and this is a direct quote from Isaiah 54:17, which says, "Yes, with our families friend, in whom I have trusted, which did set of my breast, hath lifted up his heel against me." Jesus knew that Scripture must be fulfilled regardless of whether he liked a trusted disciple betraying him or not. In Isaiah's

will also be done.

And then we look at Jesus' pointing to His Father in the 12th chapter of John which is called the high priestly prayer. Now He says in the 12th verse, (read this). What is interesting about this is that the word in Greek which Jesus used for "petition" is the very same word Jesus used for "quest" in when he questioned the use of the ointment on Jesus. Now and what Jesus probably unconsciously called himself a son of waste. He forfeited his life pursuing the quest for material gain.

But the end result of Jesus' betrayal of Jesus is that he regretted it. And by then it was too late. In Matthew 27:1-10 we read of what he ~~did~~ tried to do to rectify the situation. Now here we see the end of the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy. But it seems as though Matthew has given the wrong book of the Bible as a reference doesn't it? There are two explanations. One is that Matthew may have become confused and remembered that Jeremiah had two references to potter's in the 18th and 19th chapters. The 18th chapter in particular in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the 2nd verse speaks of the Jordan valley. It is believed that the potter's field spoken of by Matthew was at the place where the Jordan, the Kidron, and the Tyropoeon valleys came together.

The other explanation is that in the Jewish custom, or scripture the order in which ~~they~~ the prophets were placed was, "Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel," etc. Matthew then was just relating that this scripture was ~~xxxxxx~~ a passage from the roll of the prophets, and he named the first book of that roll or scroll. This is the more likely interpretation of this passage.

As we look at the faces in the crowd, we see the face of the treasurer, the betrayer. The one who sought material gain at the expense of a friend. As we look about us do we see our selves in the crowd around the Lord? Do we see ourselves as opportunists, waiting to get gain from what ~~xx~~ and where we can? Once again we must ask ourselves who is at the center of our lives. If Jesus Christ is, then material possessions will take on that aspect of

what they truly are. And that is, objects which cannot bring happiness in and of themselves. God gives them to us to use and not even to love above Him.

We must look at our lives and separate our needs from our desires. There is quite a difference. Needs are something we cannot get along without. Desires are things we want but do not necessarily need.

As we look at the face of Jesus we see someone destroyed by his own desires. May this be one reflection we do not pick up in our lives as a part of the crowd around Jesus.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Second Sunday in Lent March 2, 1980
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Bach
*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"
*Ascription - Choral Amen
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Our Father, in this season of self-discipline, when we are giving thought to our discipleship, make us aware that being a disciple means to follow Jesus Christ as He seeks to be a servant of all. Thus we would remember: all our sins that keep us apart from you; all of the things we have omitted to do in our lives; all of the chances we have missed to help others and to seek them for your kingdom. For all of these things as well as others that may separate us from your love, we ask forgiveness in His name. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips.
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 319 "O for a closer walk with God"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Arioso" Bach
Anthem: "Amazing Grace" Staton Chancel Choir

Scripture: Matthew 26:30-35
Sermon: "Faces In The Crowd: The Never Man"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 217 "Rock of Ages"
*Benediction
Choral Response "The Lord Bless You" Lutkin
*Postlude "I Stood Amazed in the Presence"

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dreher in memory of "Loved Ones"
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Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Penar will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barbara Vargo and Ellen Master. *HOSE*
Hospitalized: Mr. J. J. Diefenderfer, Mr. Howard *THANKS LARS*
Jaillet and Mrs. Alice Beatty. Mrs. Norma Wolfe -
Montefiore Hosp. Pitts. *HOWARD IS LEAVING (OUT M-FRI?)*
Nursery will be provided each Sunday evening during Lent.
Harry Burns and Harry Fry will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Women's Mary Prugh Circle meeting
Monday - 7:30 - Follow-up Committee Meeting
Wed. - 7:30 - Council meeting
Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please have all material in by Wednesday.
TONIGHT - 7:30 P.M. - Lenten Service at the CH. CH.
What's Missing?
The new choir folders (for music) that the Choir members are now using were purchased by Cyndie Sybert in loving memory of her "Father" - Ralph Cooper.
Fellowship Day of Prayer - St. Marks Lutheran Church, corner of Jefferson and Washington St. will be held at 1:30 P.M. (Friday - March 7). Please use side door on Washington St. The service will be held in the Chapel.
New members will be received on Palm Sunday. If you should know of anyone interested in joining the Church, please either drop a slip of paper in the offering plate or let the Pastor or Office know.

I can show you how to submit this discipline
this is not a test but a test of your faith
Will I join you now? Can I join you since I live?
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take connection to the place of the church
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Places in the World: The Movie (2001)

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It was obvious by their manner of dress and their outward appearance that the two men worked out of doors. They smelled of the sea and particularly of fish. In their excessively heavy clothes from which dripped their manly perspiration, their faces were red and weathered and spoke of being in the elements of wind and sun. Their hair especially, yellow, white, jetted round and wore bands ^{which} ~~which~~ were a contrast to the blue that appeared as he walked along the beach. One of the two rushed to meet the stranger and quickly stated, "Master, I want you to meet my brother Simon." Jesus looked at the man as he held out his hand to grasp his and said, "You are or you will be called Peter, and I will name you but - Fishers of men."

he wanted to be happy, but he turned out to be somewhat as criticized in the in-
sider about he was actually called an outer toward Jesus, but then became
a friend and began to live. He like the rest was self-satisfied in giving up
all to follow Jesus, but at one point he questioned what was to be their re-
ward for doing so. He was blessed by God with spiritual insights like recog-
nizing that Jesus was the Messiah, and that Jesus held the true happiness for
eternal life. Yet, he was unable to understand some of the deeper truths
which Jesus taught in some parables.

He was very quick to respond to situations in which he thought he had the answer. Like the time the woman came up behind Jesus in the crowd, believing that if she were able to touch the hem of His robe she would be healed. But Jesus sensed this and asked who touched Him. It was never who quickly responded. In fact, for nothing such a dumb thing since he was surrounded by people. It was never

who was a part of the inner circle and shared many intimate experiences with Jesus and James and John. It was Peter who was involved in the famous catch of fish; it was Peter who was a part of the glorification for the last supper; it was Peter who was with Jesus when he was transfigured before them. But how did Peter proceed to those situations? Most often he had something to say which was not quite in keeping with what the Lord wanted. At the Transfiguration he made the suggestion that three booths be made so that each of them could have a place of their own. This was a natural event which took place. But along with this brightness Peter also exhibited a hubbub which quite often put him into trouble. It was a case of opening his mouth and inserting one of his feet almost everytime something came along that he couldn't comment on. Jesus told him in the end of his being a seer, a prophet and an expounder. But Peter said that he would not let that happen to him, and Jesus rebuked him.

So it is that we read in our scriptures the departure from the inner circle and how Jesus predicted that all of them would leave him in his hour of need. But Peter, once again quick to respond says, (read verse 35). At this Jesus tells him, (read verse 36). Therefore not only Peter, but all of them insist that they will not leave him as we read in verse 37.

So Jesus takes them into the garden of Gethsemane and there he takes Peter, James and John apart from the rest and all of them eventually fall asleep. Then the chief priests, the elders and Judas came to arrest Jesus, who lashed out with his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest. In the trial unfolds, Peter in the courtyard outside Jesus on three specific occasions, and a recorder comes twice in this interval and Peter is reminded of his Master's words and weeps bitterly for his denial.

But what is it we see in the actions of Peter? I think that first of all we see a lack of patience. It is normal to want things done quickly and efficiently, but it doesn't always happen that way. It takes patience and that is not what most of us possess, is it? Peter is not willing to wait for results, he wants to know that Jesus and he Jesus was going to be with him.

He also saw in John's son who knew his own mind. He knew what he wanted and he knew what was best for each situation. But was he right? On the basis of what we have read about his son we must admit that life all of us he ~~XXXXX~~ did not understand what he wanted from him. He was what we could call, "The I never!" He said, "I'll never let this happen to my land." "I'll never do that." He felt he knew what was best and then a conflict seems to arise between what he thought and what that situation appeared to hold, his "never" came into play. I know of a minister who said he would never go to a certain city, and he called his church. The same minister said he would never accept a certain church in that city and that is the church he called his so. That same minister's wife said a few "never's" of her own and each one of them has been her retreat as well. If there is one lesson we all of us in life it is to never say "I'll" or "I won't". And how a way of turning our "never's" into the "Thou wilt's". Life where we must learn to submit.

Illustration of visionary girl and well played

This young lady not only was willing to submit, but from it she showed that she believes that attitude beyond what we could imagine. She wants us to be open to what he has for us, and it requires being submissive for us to let his measure sweep.

(Illustration of spiritual kind, love, and the church in Rome) (ALCO 4/5/81)
Here is the essence of what we want from all our children. That essence is Obedience. A Obedience of heart; a Obedience of priorities; a Obedience of all else that prohibits us, or hinders us from following him completely. This is the way we changed people's life and into "Thou wilt's". Later because that work which his name meant, and Jesus said would happen. Later, even though he still had a tender heart to slip back to all our hearts, he said he would not do that because he was willing to give up his life for the love of Jesus Christ. As we continue to love about us all the "Thou wilt's" in the world, so we can be reflected in the face of Jesus Christ. We can have a heart which says, "I will never!" so we see the lack of submission to the demands of

Jesus Christ upon our lives! Do we see improper priorities because we have
seen "everything" and it is so many things?

I believe that if all of us are honest, we can answer you to almost all of those
thought-provoking questions. And since we can answer you, we should be will-
ing to do something about it right now, today. God can change your life and
mine if we are willing to submit to His discipline. That is what this Lenten
season should be for each of us. Will you join with us now and come to the Lord
and ask for this direction for our lives? I trust that all of you will and let
us begin here and now to let that transformation take place and see how God can
and will use each of us. Are you willing to do that? Let us pray.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude
*Processional Hymn No. 67 "Beauty around us"
*Ascription
*Call to Worship - "I Bind My Heart"
Evening Prayer
Who's Who In the Pew
Announcements
Offering
Offertory Nancy Link, Clarinet
Anthem: "Doxology" Owens Chancel Choir
Scripture: John 18:12-14: Matthew 26:57-66
Sermon: "Faces In the Crowd: The Fearson Foursome"
*Hymn of Dedication 472 "What a Friend we Have in Jesus"
*Benediction
*Response "Christ, we do all Adore Thee" Dubois
*Postlude Feder
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John Bosko, Bill Anderson

witness=Deut 19:15-19

Notes on the Gospel: The High Priest's Court

Matthew: John 8:1-18; Matthew 26:57-68

Text: John 8:12; Matthew 26:67, 68

At this point in Jesus' earthly ministry Pilate had now come (judging down all about him. He had first had a period of fellowship with his disciples in which he had shared a last meal with them. ^{They} He had come with them to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. But things had not turned out exactly the same as on other occasions when they had prayed there. The peace and tranquility of the night had been suddenly broken by a band of men with lanterns and arms seeking to arrest Jesus. He had now been taken by force to the precincts of the High Priest.

But even more frightening ^{was} the prospect confronting Jesus as he arrived for interrogation. He knew what he had to go through and he was aware that he would be unjustly condemned. But it is a real possibility that he was to be condemned at the expense of so-called "very religious" people breaking many points of their belovedosaic law which they had so meticulously and painstakingly assembled to provide proper justice for any criminal. Before this night was over Jesus would face what not only was a terrifying experience. But would find himself at the mercy of the "High Priest's Court."

As we read in our Scripture from John, the 18th chapter, verse 13, "He was taken to Annas first," (read verse 19). This Annas had been the High Priest from A.D. 6 to A.D. 18 and was now only the High Priest's brother. As such he retained not only the title of High Priest, but he held all of the obligations and even the privileges which went with that office. He was at this point presiding as ex-officio over this hastily called meeting of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the name given to the court of highest appeal for violators of theosaic law. It would be similar to our Supreme Court today. It was made up of 71 members. They assembled themselves in a semi-circle with the accused in the middle. They also had Court Clerks and 3 rows of disciples who might be future candidates for the Sanhedrin a vacant seat on the Court. The Sanhedrin was made up mostly of Pharisees and their particular influence.

under this law it became more hypothetical because he wanted to limit their war. The Sadducees were a group of men who did not believe in miracles, in angels, in life after death. But other than that they held to the Mosaic law. The Pharisees believed in all of these things and the Sadducees saw, so they were not as harsh and power seeking as the Sadducees.

During the time of Jesus the Sanhedrin was restricted to Judea and so they could not arrest him while he was in Galilee. This is one reason why we read in scripture that he set his face to go to Jerusalem. He knew he had an appointment with death and he knew that it could only be carried out if he was in a position to be arrested and tried in Jerusalem. The power of the Sanhedrin after the time of Jesus was hypothetical and they could issue a warrant for the arrest of someone in any part of the then known world. But they could not carry out the death sentence even though they might find someone guilty of the death penalty. The Romans had to perform the actual execution.

There were several orders of error which the Sanhedrin committed during the so called trial of Jesus. Much of their proceedings were out of order but in their zeal to get Jesus out of the way they were not too much concerned with the proper procedure.

The prisoner was to be dressed in scarlet as he stood before the court. We know also we read this was the case with Jesus. He also knew that they could not meet before a court legally. So to perhaps get around this they took Jesus to Annas first and technically, he was not the actual high priest, so therefore, they got around the legality of this requirement.

So after they had taken him to Annas for questioning, they took him to the second of this foursome he was the face. This was the high priest's son-in-law. He just happened to be the son-in-law of Annas. He was also a Sadducee and had the legal knowledge which was a characteristic of the Sadducees. It was shortly after the raising of Lazarus from the dead that he convened the Sanhedrin and forced a resolution through that Jesus should die. This is the reference made in John 11:47-57. And again, he disregarded the law to bring about the death of Jesus.

But in order to accomplish their ends they had by law to have at least two witnesses, to bring charges against him. After examining the law it is hard to understand how they could justify their verdict by holding to only one or two points of the law. Is not what the other two of the Pharisee Jesus had to face. We can readily see that it wasn't an easy task for them to get two people to bring charges against him. In verse 19 we read that couldn't they. Verse 20 tells us they found none even though many came forward. This means that there were those who would speak in behind the scenes but that didn't have the courage of their convictions to stand up and say it publicly. Isn't it funny how human nature never changes and people even today are willing to stand on the sidelines and make accusations, but are unwilling to step forth openly.

The last of verse 20 tells that at last two witnesses came forward. But it points out they were false witnesses. Verse 21 points out their accusation. Again, this is absolutely contrary to the Jewish code. They were fulfilling the law, but at the expense of using illegal witnesses. In the book of Leviticus 19:16, we read, (read this.) This was the fulfillment of what was required of them as a court. But as is pointed out in the law commandment it is illegal to bear false witness. To do so xxxxx and to be found out meant the one bearing false witness had to serve the penalty enacted upon the falsely accused one. Ironically, the Greek word for witness is the word martyr and came to mean one who had to die for his faith.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The testimony of these two witnesses is given, vs 21, and Jesus is asked about this, vs 22. Then the High Priest asks a question about a different line, wanting to actually find out if he was guilty of something for which they could kill him.

Jesus gives them the opening he has given, vs 24. So when, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Jesus was standing himself on the same level as God. Because he did not meet their criteria as to what the Jewish should be, they ruled that he was guilty. This is what they all answered according to vs 25.

So now the story is set for Jesus to be judged once by the Jewish nation.

He had faced the best that the Jewish court could produce and their findings have justified them in condemning him to death.

Refused to ask the cards were stacked against him and no one could give him an impartial trial.

I am sure that if we think about those four false accusations of Jesus we can probably feel anger and hatred toward them. But did you ever stop to think your heart may have felt? Just like the four judges, I have called, "The common people." But is your common your faith or is looking at each one?

(Illustration of Jesus' school boy and favorite teacher, "no pitches").

I would believe that Jesus didn't see them as angry, hateful men, but as his death. The limited of your heart is need of humanity which he could provide. He didn't see their spiritual reality is striving to keep the letter of the law. He didn't see the "catches" which were traps. He only saw sinners in need of his love.

This is how he looks at all the world and this is how you too should see ourselves in that crowd of faces around him. We all need that forgiveness and that love which only he can provide.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Third Sunday in Lent March 9, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kay Morris, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Lori Zavacky, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" Bach
*Processional Hymn No. 182 "Fairest Lord Jesus!"

*Ascription - Choral Amen

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Mighty God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ who was dead but lives, and will put down every power that hurts or destroys, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen."

*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips

*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Doxology

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests.

Children's Moment (All Children please come forward to Chancel)

Cherub Choir "This Little Light of Mine"

directed by Cyndie Sybert

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy Spirit

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory "Voluntary in G minor"

Boyce

Anthem: "The Moment of Truth" Youth Choir

Directed by Lloyd Link and Ginger Harbison

Scripture: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

Sermon: "Faces In The Crowd: The Politician"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 272 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

*Benediction

*Three Fold Amen

*Postlude "Beneath the Cross"

+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Ann Williams in memory of "Loved Ones"

Serving as Ushers today are: *Mary Lou Davis, Peg

Nazaruk, Gloria Walker and Dutch Bolam.

Elder and Mrs. Robert Dellen will be at the door today.

The attendance last Sunday was 183.

Nursery will be provided today by Betty Carney and Robin Knauer.

> There will be Nursery this evening and every Lenten Service during Lent.

> Hospitalized: Howard Jaillet, Peg Snider, Jack

Diefenderfer, Wilmer Pfabe.

Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the

Hospital this week.

> Tonight - 7:30 - Lenten Service

> Saturday - Mar. 15 - Pancake Supper - See Richard

Mangel or LeRoy Andrews or Church Office for Tickets.

> EASTER EGGS - we are thinking of making more. (Peanut

Butter and Cherry Nut only). If interested in buying

more candy please call Ginny Mangel by March 11th.

285-3324.

> New Members will be received on Palm Sunday. If you

should know of anyone interested in joining the Church,

please either drop a slip of paper in the offering

plate or let the Pastor or office know.

> Alice Beatty would like to thank all the people who

sent cards and prayed for her when she was in the

Hospital. She would also like to thank Rev. Link

and those that visited her.

> Tonight from 6:00 to 7:30 - Senior High Youth will

meet. If you range in age from 9th grade through

20 years old you are welcome.

"Faces In The Crowd: "The Politician"
 Script: 27:1-2, 11-12; Text: Mt. 27:14
 (Story box: picture of Pilate, white shirt)
 In 27:1, 12th yr. Tiber reign spot. Pont. Pilate as Gov.
 Judea, Samaria, Idumea.
 Pilate's with a man: quietly learn how conflict fig-
 and 1 post.
 27:11 Nov. when birthday army Governor/Garu 1. Nov. sta-
 tues stat's image Caesar 1. again 10 demands Jews
 27:12 ask for out of palace Caesar, Pilate refuse. Pilate,
 around w/ soldiers order seize, cry unruly; no deter-
 27:13 say no on, Jew say the will die, Pilate silent
 27:14 his only choice he will 1 eventual reveal love
 27:15 for Jew law, custom; then stud restless people
 27:16 want consid his past history, laws b/c antiquity
 27:17 had no real law. How new? all conquer Israel
 27:18 with man sit volcano, never know man want 1 never
 27:19 know man thistles for sold but to buy chaos reign
 27:20 Pilate hate Jews 1 feel usual 1. as man controls
 27:21 as heart 1 Pilate 1. the Jew, he still again 1. etc
 27:22 thus the war 1. in between 2 parties
 27:23 w/ Pilate 1. him 1. David-Js answer no actual action, lit
 U sed it
 27:24 12-14=Js silent 1. Pilate marvel 1. crucify
 27:25 15-17=another Jew/Js? 1. think some 1. 13 rxian
 27:26 11-12=Jew no bothr Js
 27:27 20-22=Jew/Js 1. people any Js crucify
 27:28 23=Jew los life, 1. but end no let polit action kill
 27:29 innocent man; if 1. how tol 1. they overthrust
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October 19, 1979

To All Counselors and Advisors:

We need people who would be willing to teach a Nurture Group in their Church or Home after the Crusade Services have ended at the Butler Intermediate High School. We encourage each church to have at least one Nurture Group.

There will be a training class on how to conduct a Nurture Group and you will be notified as to the date and time this will be held.

We pray that you will be interested in teaching one of these classes and also that you will take time to pray about this matter.

Please sign this form and return it to: Reverend Ralph Link, Follow-Up-Chairman. You may contact Reverend Link each evening before or after the Crusade Service.

I would be interested in teaching a Nurture Group:

Signed _____

"The Jewish Question: The Solution"

Origines: British 77:1-2, 11-26

Text: British 77:24

(Political facts or story if available)

In the year 1841, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in the 18th year of the reign of
the young emperor, the emperor appointed a man named Li Shao-
~~LI SHAO-CHIAO~~ to the new Governor of Fudan, Kansai and Hubei. His name,
Li Shao, meant, 'Landed with a sword.' He quickly became the most authorita-
tive figure associated with this post up to this time. One of his first moves was
to leave the headquarters of the army near Hong Kong to Shanghai. This
meant that the military capital shifted from Hong Kong to Shanghai, the only city,
and this infuriated the Jews. In their opinion, only the Jews of Shanghai and
this was strictly against the Jewish religious principles of the soldiers of
Israel, which was forbidden in the 10 Commandments.

Because of this the Jews assembled themselves outside of his palace in Shanghai
and demanded the same standards as the Jews of Jerusalem. Li Shao refused to
do so and his soldiers surrounded the palace with orders to shoot if they did not
leave. They were doing so much to the point of crucifixion. The people would
not relent saying their preferred death to submission to idolatry. After 3 days
of this confrontation Li Shao gave in and the standards were brought back to
Jerusalem.

This was only one of several blunders which Li Shao made which eventually caused
his recall to home and removal as Governor. But Li Shao was a man who knew the
Jewish customs and laws. He was a true student of these matters. He
was very ill to rule that the Jews of Jerusalem were not allowed to do so. He
had spent considerable time going over their history and their laws and had
taken all of this back to his country. He, with all of this knowledge, he had
no real love for them and he was probably justified in his actions. Looking at
it from the human point of view, Li Shao had never been a truly con-
queror ~~the~~ Israel. All that they had been able to do was to exert their authori-
ty over them. They were like a man sitting on a volcano never knowing when it

would want. Pilate never knew when a stubbornness about justice would break one of the Jewish leaders and throw the whole territory into chaos. Among the chief hatreds Pilate had was a hatred of the high priest. His feeling was probably mutual but nevertheless, they had to deal with one another from time to time. Seeing this then in the background surrounding Pilate we can see that he was a man of contradictions at this point in time.

Jesus was brought to stand trial before Pilate and he was a Jew. But even though Pilate had this intense hatred for Jews, he also hated the high priest, and his clan. Thus he was being asked to condemn a man in the instance of these men and from this we can easily see the tug of war which began to take place.

Pilate asked Jesus, (vs 19b), "Are you the King of the Jews?" The answer ~~was~~ ^{GAVE WAS AN} ~~was~~ ^{affirmation} in such a way that he cannot actually be accused of saying it of himself. It would be similar to someone saying something to us and we could reply, "You said it."

As the high priests then begin to bring their charges against him and it is interesting to note that their charges were not blasphemy against him, but took on political overtones. John points out that Jesus was accused of being a threat to Roman authority. But during this squabble between the high priests and Pilate, Jesus remained silent. But we can see the wheels of ^{political} Pilate begin to turn. He recalled the right to grant amnesty to a prisoner during this feast. So he mentions the prisoner Barabbas, thinking that surely they would prefer Jesus to him. But the crowd being stirred up demanded the release of Barabbas.

Then to complicate his life that much more, his wife sends him word that she had been troubled about a dream concerning this man and she advised Pilate not to do anything to him. So Pilate now between what he feels he must do and what he wants to do offers them the choice once again. (vs 21). And the people once again demand the release of Barabbas, vs 21b. But Pilate still not satisfied that justice is being served asks what is to be done with Jesus, (vs 22a)! and the result of the people is that he is to be crucified, (vs 22b).

and Pilate must have realized at this point that he had lost his right to have this man tried. He had tried to let these Jewish leaders know he was going to try Pilate's scheme. But, he couldn't completely do this. They saw it as a threat to have this man released and they could prove that he was a threat to Rome, his life would have been in danger from the Roman authorities. So at this point he called for a basis of action. He symbolically washed his hands and declared publicly his innocence in this death. He was relating them right back to their very own law which required this. It is found in Deuteronomy 19, verses 1-9. This Pilate was saying, "I am innocent of this murder and I cannot be held responsible." The Jewish leaders then placed the burden upon the Jewish leaders. It was up to them to determine their next move. They had the choice of backing down, or they had the choice of going ahead with their plan of execution. But in all of this there were some strong points. First of all, the Jewish leaders had been listening of making trouble for Pilate, all they needed to do was to report that he had proclaimed a prisoner innocent, and then had him executed. Rome would not have tolerated this from any Governor. But since they were more interested in disposing of this man to their religious, they overlooked the insult Pilate gave to them and had Jesus executed.

Jesus in Pilate's case was with a dilemma. He wanted to be the best representative for Rome he could possibly be. But, he knew that he had to conduct the affairs in a proper way or he would create mistrust and corruption in this province. So he very naturally became a "politician." This title in itself is not dishonorable, but the actions of people in offices of public trust must often make it that way. Some of our present day officials certainly are of this ilk. In order to win public support for themselves they strive to be all things to all people and immediately succeed until they are discovered for the charlatans which they are.

Jesus himself once said that no one could serve both God and man. It was pointing out that it was impossible to have two masters. A choice must be made at the moment of decision the one master takes complete precedence over the other.

Pilate like so many others before him will never, even if he make a lasting memorial in the his books of history.

(Illustration of Pilate II, King of ancient Egypt in country and kingdom; Thaps, built by Sesostris; inscription on stone tablet by Sesostris)

Thus it was with Pontius Pilate. His worldly fame disappeared in a short time and he is only remembered as the one who was responsible for permitting the execution of Jesus Christ. The lesson for us in Pilate's church is that we cannot please God and the world. We are called upon to take our stand for Jesus Christ without reservation.

(Illustration of Rev. Collins Jr. saying ministers have failed at conversion)

This is unfortunately a true picture of the church today. We have lost our fire and our zeal because we have sought to serve both the world and God. And if it cannot be done.

(Illustration of William Carey missionary to India and son Felix)

Many of us find ourselves in this same situation. Are you willing to yield to the call of Jesus Christ on your life? Are you willing to yield the time and effort he calls forth from your life? Or are you in fact like Pilate, recognizing Jesus Christ as the King of Kings, but ignoring that and turning your attention to the things of the world? You and I must look at these faces in the crowd and separate our own reflection from those who reject Him, and be recognized among those who love Him and serve Him, and give Him the rightful place in our hearts which He deserves.

Jesus in the Crowd: The Governor

Luke 23:1-11

St. Luke 23:9

There now appears again the Jesus in the crowd, the Jesus of the Jewish. This Jesus is now other than the Jesus of the Jews, Jesus of the Jews. Jesus had appeared for the first time before Pilate and the Chief Priests and the people had told how Jesus had stirred up the people throughout all Galilee. When Pilate learned of this, the new politician in his camp to the Jews and he saw a golden opportunity to strip Jesus off and not have to pass judgment on him. So he sent Jesus to appear before Herod.

He read in the old books that Herod had desired to see Jesus for a long time. He had heard rumors about him and he wanted to satisfy his curiosity. For this Herod came back from the East as soon as he could and it was the Jewish from the East. He had heard that this man had healed men who were blind; those who were lame were able to walk again; he had raised the daughter of Jairus; he had healed the leper and he had raised the dead; there were ten lepers cleansed by him and all of the other stories. For this reason, a magnificent occasion, or was this the promised Messiah from God?

His king, Herod Antipas, who ruled over 40 years after his father Herod the Great. It was this Herod Antipas who had seen that babies were also killed so that Jesus the promised King of the Jews would not survive. Now Herod Antipas, the son of this great king had the opportunity to see this Jesus first hand. In all probability there were many questions concerning this man. Was he a survivor of the slaughter of children? Was he the real thing? Was Pilate really leaving his handle this thing on his own? If he was it was a new beginning because the King of the Jews was not permitted much in the way of power. He was more of a figurehead than anything else. It was still Rome which made the decisions. In leaving Herod Antipas of Rome Antipas had shown his favor toward Rome by founding a city named after the Emperor Tiberius. The city was named simply 'Tiberias.' Nothing imaginative about that. But it did have one unique feature, there it was that it was built on an island in the middle of the sea and there-

married the wife of his half brother and this is what caused him to be banished to be slain because he had the audacity to make accusations against the king. But this accusation later proved his downfall because his ambition and desire to rule would not leave the emperor alone to rule the empire and cover. But Callicula instead banished him to France where he died.

What has happened here tonight is that for the first time in all of the several decades, Jesus absolutely refused to converse with anyone. Jesus refused even to speak to his own people. For before, Jesus had always been a part of the conversation. This is rather ironic that the Christians have always had the opportunity to speak to Jesus and particularly those who had needs. If there were someone who had needs it was this man. But for some unknown reason Jesus never communicates with him. Perhaps Jesus knew that whatever he said would be twisted and distorted and lose its actual meaning. Perhaps he felt that it was unmitigated to speak to this conceited, egotistical puppet called a man. It certainly was not because Jesus hated him, or refused to offer help when possible. I would believe that contained in here is the reason that there is absolutely a time for silence.

The very title of this man betrays a lesson for anyone who really wants to know
and understand what he wants from an. World Anti-Communist League. He was a man
and wealth could buy. He looked for nothing. His word was carried out with-
out question. Thus, he was somewhat a prisoner of war because he could not
communicate with anyone. He was a man of great power and he will remain so.

but he still lived very luxuriously and carnally. But what was all of this "vain life" and he really happy? He was searching for the happiness to be found in material wealth. Jesus standing before him in his other simplicity must have evoked from his feelings of frustration. There was a badly beaten man, yet he had the courage of not being used by royalty. He was able to perform tasks that would have made him a king. And he had the power of this man, the rest of the kingdom and even more would stand up and take notice of him. But he didn't have this power and this unassuming, unknown son of a carpenter did.

This must have stirred the heart of David to the point of complete anger and jealousy. Is it any wonder that he had Jesus arrested in royal robes and then made fun of by his soldiers.

But in all of this we can also see the story of the world in the church. We have become so enamored of ritual and liturgy that we have forgotten the basics of true worship of Christ. It is the man and circumstance of death and cross which have taken the place of simplicity and humble love for a revival of love, truth and life. Thus, he is king of kings. But he asks us to receive his kingdom and simple without all of the trappings we want to add to that experience. He asks us to follow him. He asks us our cross daily and to live as he showed us to live.

If we were to question Jesus this night concerning his will for us, would he speak to us in love? Or would he look at us as not being worthy of his touch and blessing?

And forbid that we see ourselves as proud, complacent individuals unworthy of the presence of Jesus in our lives. Instead, may we find in us the willingness to surrender ourselves to him and his cause. May he find us willing servants for him.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 16, 1980
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Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Lori Zavacky, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude Sax and Organ "Ivory Palaces" Thompson
*Processional Hymn No. 12 "For the beauty of the earth"
*Ascription - Call to Worship "I Bind my Heart"
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father Almighty, we know that we have gone into hiding, even though we have been made for thy glory. We have tried to keep away from thy presence. Forgive us and bring us once again to the place where we may see thee and sing praises to thy majesty; through Jesus Christ. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Anthem "It is a Precious Thing" Hob & Cyndie Sybert
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Ave Verum" Mozart
Anthem: "Share His Love" Gaither
Scripture: Mark 15: 6-15
Sermon: "Faces in the Crowd: The Substitute"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 161 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

*Benediction
Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin
*Postlude "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Harold Sandbach in Loving Memory of "Husband"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinros, Robert Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Deacon and Mrs. Dave McMillin will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.
The attendance last Sunday was 203.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Larry McWilliams, and Deborah Johnston.
Hospitalized: Jack Diefenderfer, St. Francis; Nick Nchach, Howard Jailliet, BCMH.
Special Council meeting after Worship this morning.
Tonight - Lenten Service - 7:30 P.M.
Mr. Gary Butler will be the Organist this evening.
Special Congregational Dinner and Meeting - tomorrow - Monday (March 17) at 6:30 P.M. This is an important Congregational Dinner and meeting - so plan to attend. Meat and Dessert will be furnished. Bring a tureen and table service. If you are not here you cannot vote. If you cannot make the dinner the meeting will be held about 7:30 P.M. so please plan to make this.
Daily Bread Booklets are in the Narthex - pick up your copy today while they last.
Please sign up for lilies today - the chart will be passed.
Mid Diefenderfer and Vivian Bolam will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Thurs. - 7:30 - Board of Christian Education Meeting
Thursday March 20th All Teachers are asked to attend. Thirtieth Annual Good Friday Fellowship Breakfast for Men will be held in the YMCA at 8 A.M. Guest Speaker - Rev. Marshall, Berry Hill, Greenville, Pa. Tickets are \$1.75. J. W. Harmon and Kenneth Weitzel have tickets.
New Members will be received on Palm Sunday. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Church - please put and slip of paper in the offering plate or let the Pastor or Office know.
There will be no Fidelity Bible Class meeting due to Special Congregational meeting.

"Focus" on "The Crowd: The Substitute"
Date: 09/07/01 Time: 11:45 AM

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"I said 'I'll place [finger on forehead] 'as
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12. How do you feel about the fact that you do not have any
and I want to know, out of all the things that you like to do,
I hope you'll be able to do it.

(Three times people say "No")
 "No, it's not healthy, giving them an apple we will
 destroy it, along this line I think we have it, others
 don't."

It is substituted because the word "collect" did not mean to have money, merely to have the best of it, thus this word is a good service

the Legislature this morning before the House of Representatives. He has been brought there to answer the accusations of the chief priests, the scribes, the elders, and the members of the Sanhedrin. Wherefore this is called, "trial," he being found to be guilty of death. Whom Jesus looking on said, "Thou art a King indeed; for thou art an emperor to release whatever prisoner they demand of what is called, 'What,' I know. The Jews themselves of course want the Jewish prisoner. All of the indignities of this release of a prisoner during the feast of the Passover are now completely known. As yet both complete and correct is all that. It is quite probable that this was a means of communication the delivery which this King embodied. Later on he is one of those who are called 'Kings,' and what he had said, vs 1. In regard to this that the Jews are to allow for his release at this time vs 1.

He was involved in a movement to overthrow the government and it seems so he had killed ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ persons, or persons unknown by this point. That we know concerning the other one is simply that he is called, "King of the Poor." We also know that the chief prisoner had been at Mid West out of town, vs 10. That we know from other sources and voices of the "quality" of his life is that he was interested in helping people both physically and spiritually. He was not concerned with violence or the overthrow of the established government. In making the comparison between Product A, the Communist, and Product B, the capitalist one the picture is radically different.

in that it is named, Jesus for Father. His name literally meant, "God is salvation, son of the Father." Jesus meant, "God is salvation," or, "God saves." "God" denotes, "God al." and "Father" means, "Father." Jesus wouldn't follow our a habit and therefore he would have been called "Teacher." As we can understand why he was named the son of Father.

product is it have' Jesus Christ. This literally means, "God is salvation, the Messiah." Or, "God loves," through this "inspired one." We can readily see that it is that both of these words are close derivatives to the religious community. The former of a savior. The other signifies the son of God.

but the difference is how they use the immediate in their individual lives. Product A goes to the world of the lost soul. Product B is allowed far to be far from the lost soul. Product C is allowed far to be killed by the lost soul. The one has taken life with him and is allowed to be free. The other has preserved the dignity of life and is allowed to be free.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Butler, Pennsylvania

Sunday Evening Lenten Service March 16, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Mr. Gary Butler, Organist

Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone

Lori Zavacky and Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude

*Processional Hymn No. 471 "More love to Thee"

*Ascription

*Call to Worship - "I Bind My Heart"

Evening Prayer

Who's who in the Pew

Announcements

Offering

Offertory

Anthem: "You're Not Your Own" Chancel Choir

Scripture: Mark 15:21

Sermon: "Faces In the Crowd: The Tourist"

*Hymn of Dedication 474 "I've found a Friend"

*Benediction

*Response "Christ, we do all Adore Thee" Dubois

*Postlude Butler

***** *Congregation Standing + + + + +

Serving as Ushers tonight are: *Rob Vinroe,

Robert Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.

Tomorrow Evening - 6:30 - Congregational Dinner
and Meeting. If you cannot possibly make the dinner
please try and make the meeting about 7:30 P.M.
This is will be a bureen dinner.

The Lily Chart was passed this morning - come to
the office if you would like to have a Lily reserved.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the
Congregation and Visitors at the door this evening.

In order to hasten the accomplishment of their task they used a clever strategy
and a well planned attack. It meant that one of the soldiers and possibly an
officer or two, selected themselves from the crowd and entered the tent unopposed
at first sight. It was evident that this fellow, Agent, was now going to get
to the hill called Calvary, or Liberty Hill, quickly. His object was fast
getting and it would require a long period of time to end all of this. So one
of the soldiers looked into the crowd for a likely suspect. Seeing I was
in the front row he came forward, he bowed his head to the floor and said,
this agent, you will know. There were no words to be said. The man
then was reached to rest room, you remember immediately. In return, some
judgment. At this time it could possibly have been the consideration of the
one who refused. In fact, there are those called America who thought that
this was just one of the many who were sacrificed because of love. They believed

big on the shoulder with his spear. 'You know, you have to carry this spear.'

11. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 95, (1990, 1000-1011).

and said that they thought his name was very nice. The second thing was to identify these men. The writer of this report, then, is seeking to identify them. He is seeking just the thing that is. It is generally agreed that a large portion of the people to whom the words of this report were in the church in 1900. In 1901 he turned to the women he met in 1901 (1901 1901). This is the first time that the name was a Christian, but also that his mother was a Christian as well. The name is correctly and most likely been such an educated person that they could not be the mother of the son. Just this when we can see that all of this was very important to the lives of these people because of their influence. That was the first thing.

have had the opportunity to discuss the situation with the person who was in charge of the operation at the time it was conducted.

This operation is so simple that it can be carried out by anyone who is given the proper instructions. It is a very important job for our work. But we never know when one of these important tasks will come to us that which brings another person into the field.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 23, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mike Wachsmuth, Dianne Zavacky - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Come Unto Him" Maunday
*Processional Hymn No. 8 "Praise ye the Lord"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Have mercy upon us, O God,
according to thy loving-kindness; according to the
multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our
transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Purge
us and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter
than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew
a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy
presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 242 "Immortal Love"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "A Lenten Prayer" Harwell
Anthem: "O Sacred Feast" Willan
Scripture Luke 23:1-5; 13-25
Sermon: "Faces In The Crowd: The Vocal Majority"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 159 "Our sins, our sorrows"
*Benediction
*Three Fold Amen
*Postlude Feder
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Fanchon and Jay Hindman in Loving Memory of "Husband
and Father" Lawson Hindman
Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel,
Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.
Bea and Alvin Tait will be at the door this morning.
Good Fri. Breakfast - 6:00a.m. YNCA - see K. Weitzel
The attendance last Sunday was 195 or J.W. Harmon..
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Sharon
Schmittlein and Lori Zavacky. Nursery will be
provided for the evening Services. 7:30 TCM. 447
Bob Dellen and Bob Tait will be visiting the Hospital
this week.
Hospitalized: Nick Nohach, Helen Ferree, Ellen Gamble.
Palm Sunday evening we would like to have as many
Confirmation classes as possible represented at the
service. If you were Confirmed in St. Paul's please
contact other members of your class, (active or
inactive), and invite them to come.
Thurs. March 27, Boys Basketball Banquet 7:00 P.M.
The Weighlifters for Christ will be here and slides
of our "boys" will be shown. Anyone interested please
see Tom Nassart or Don Wogan for details.
Movie "Jesus" starts March 28, Penn Theater. Tickets
available, see Dick Mangel, Howdy Holam, Paul Pfabe.
We are striving to have the children's Sunday School
classes attend this movie. We have set Sunday March
30 matinee for this date. 7:30 -
We will be conducting services at Sunnyview - Monday,
at 1:15. Anyone who wants to go we would be happy
to have you join us.
Lily Charts will be passed today. Lillies are \$5.00.
Need Volunteers to help with an Easter Egg Hunt for
Crippled Children of the Easter Seal Society. We
also need easter grass and cool whip bowls. This is
set for March 29th at Alameda Park 10:00. If you want
to help or contribute contact Ginny Mangel or Cynthia Wynn
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sunday Evening Lenten Service March 23, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mike Wachsmuth, Dianne Zavacky - Acolytes

Prelude
*Processional Hymn No. 466 "He leadeth me"
*Ascription
*Call to Worship - "I Bind My Heart"
Evening Prayer
Who's Who In the Pew
Announcements
Offering
Offertory

Duet: "In the Cross of Christ" Conkey
Sung by Howdy and Dutch Bolam

Scripture Matthew 27:27-31

Sermon: "Faces in the Crowd: The Hired Help"

*Hymn of Dedication 467 "I Love to tell the story"

*Benediction

*Response "Christ, we do all Adore Thee"

*Postlude Feder

***** *Congregation Standing *****

Serving as Ushers tonight are: *Richard Mangel,

Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

If you would like to have a Lily - contact Bea
or sign-up in the office.

PRAYERS BY JAMES - 7/4/81

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Harbison will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door this evening.

"Face in the Crowd: The Hired Help"
 Scripture: Matthew 23:23-24

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Text: Matthew 27:37

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania

Palm Sunday March 30, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mr. Paul Herbison, Liturgist
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Choir Director
Mike Wachsmuth, Diana Zavacky - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "The Palms" F#ure

*Processional Hymn No. 7 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

*Ascription - Choral Amen

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord, whose way is perfect,
help us, we pray thee, always to trust in thy goodness;
that, walking with thee and following thee in all
simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds,
and may cast all our care upon thee, for thou carest for us;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Kyrie (Congregation, Choir and Pastor)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: "O Lord open our lips.
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Doxology No. 551
Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray.

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory "Meditation" Price

The Rite of Confirmation: The Charge: The Vows:

*The Apostles Creed - Congregation and Confirmands

The Confirmation Prayer: The Confirmation

The Reception of Adult Members

Anthem: "Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp

ipture: Luke 23:39-43

Sermon: "Faces In The Crowd: Birds Of A Feather"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication 136 "Hosanna, loud hosanna"

*Benediction

*Choral Three Fold Amen

*Postlude "Palm Sunday Procession" Wilson

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The Palms have been placed by the Alvin Tait Family
in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sweeney.
You may have them after the Service.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Alvin Tait, Mike Nazaruk,
Gottlob Kradel, Roy Andrews and James McClymonds.
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation
at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cheryl Mager
and Beth Burns.

We welcome the following Persons into our Church
Fellowship today.

By Confirmation: Helen Hilliard, Tracy Johnston,
Lori Zavacky, David Jaillet, Karen Pfabe, and
Andrea Wagner.

By Letter of Transfer: Mrs. Karen Sue Yetter Hartley
and Mrs. Teresa Palmer.

By Profession of Faith:

Mr. Howard McLaren
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel (Cheryl) Metrick
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald (Kay) Brown

We wish to thank the Women's Fellowship for the
Corsages and Boutonnieres for the Confirmands.
Pictures will be taken of the Confirmation Class today.

Tonight - 7:30 - Worship Service.

Hospitalized - J. Walter Harmon

Monday - 7:00 - Bldg. Fund Activities Committee meeting.

wed. - 7:30 - Council meeting; Thurs. - Newsletter

*Fri. - 8:00 - Youth Good Fri. Breakfast - Rehoboth
Hall. Mr. Joe Ballante former gang member and
enforcer for Mafia will be speaker.

Fri. - 7:30 - YMCA - Speaker Father John Aycoob; Music
"Joy" - Tickets \$1.25 - Res. must be made - Women's

Fri. - 6:00 A.M. - YMCA - Speaker Rev. Marshall, \$1.75

* Kenneth Weitzel has tickets, for Men's breakfast.

* Thurs. - 7:30 - Holy Comm. ; Fri. - 7:30 - Holy Comm.

most be in it to meet the whole of the situation. There is no
one who will stand in it all the time, though it is often the case
that it is only by standing in it that one can stand in it
at all. This means that by standing in it, one is standing in it
at all times. And the more one stands in it, the more one stands in it
at all times. So, one must know that it is not enough to stand in it
for this. If one is not here for the whole life, one must know, then, I
would say, that it is not possible to stand in it for the whole life.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sunday Evening Lenten Service March 30, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Choir Director
Mike Wachsmuth, Diane Zavacky - Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude
*Processional Hymn No. 135 "All glory, laud, and honor"

*Ascription

*Call to Worship - "I Bind My Heart"

Evening Prayer

Who's Who In the Pew

Announcements

Offering

Offertory

Recognition of Confirmation Classes - *Habit*

Anthem: "God Not Far From Me, O God" Zingarelli

Scripture: Mark 15: 40-41

Sermon: "Faces In The Crowd: The Silent Minority"

*Hymn of Dedication 462 "Jesus, keep me near the cross"

*Benediction

*Response "Christ, we do all Adore Thee" Dubois

*Postlude

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Serving as Ushers tonight are: *Alvin Tait, Mike
Nazaruk, Gottlob Kradel, Roy Andrews and James McClymonds

If you would like to have a Lily - contact Bea - last
chance to get one.

Alvin and Bea Tait will be at the door this evening.

Maundy Thurs. - 7:30 - Holy Communion; after the
Service - Reception for New Members and the Congregation
in Rehoboth Hall.

Fri. - 7:30 - Holy Communion.

Good Fri. Services (Community) - St. Andrews U.P. Church
2:00 to 3:00 P.M. The Pastor will be the preacher
during the first hour segment.

critique: pp. 15:40-41

We have two different versions of the above page, one being the only difference in the inclusion or exclusion of one or two people. The signature for this evening exists ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ identical every year. We do we need the account as it is found in the Social Affairs or was identical I mean are like as the above. The difference between the two versions is whether what each included is his account and which he did not include.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fifth Sunday in Eastertide April 4, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Brian Hollefreund, Traci Groves - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Agnus Dei" Bizet
*Processional Hymn No. 68 "God of the earth"
*Ascription
*Choral Call to Worship
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father, too often we have been involved in a meaningless round of activities. All of this has kept us busy but has brought no satisfaction. Forgive us for being self-centered, and grant us new strength through a renewed return to your will for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 212 "Jesus, we are far away"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
Offertory Response No. 59 Verse No. 5 (Sung as a round)
Anthem: "Hear Us, O Jesus" Schiavone
Scripture: Exodus 34: 10-17
Sermon: "To Mix Is No Match"

*Closing Hymn No. 446 "Now in the days of youth"
*Benediction
*Choral Benediction
Postlude "Marche" Gounod
* * * * * *Congregation Standing + * * * * *
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Ellen Bauer in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Charles Penar, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer, and Dave McMillin.
Deacon and Mrs. Bruce McBride will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Barb Vargo and Michelle Henry.
Hospital: Joe Galbraith, Herman Lippold.
Harry Burns and Harry Fry will be visiting the Hospital this coming week.
Tonight - 6:30 P.M. - Teacher's Training.
Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Meeting
Tues. - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is Rented
Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting
Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please have all material in by Wednesday.
Thurs. - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is Rented.
Saturday - 1:00 P.M. - Salad Smorgasbord - Please get your tickets today from different ladies in the Church or from the office. Please have your candy in by Friday evening so it can be packaged. We will need men to help set up tables and chairs Friday evening at 6:30. All salads should be here at the Church At 11:00 - Saturday morning. Please make them appealing and attractive looking. REMEMBER NEXT SATURDAY - May 10, 1980
May 15 - Butler Area Laymen will have their Spring Meeting and "Ladies Nite", at 6:30 P.M. At St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Zelienople. See Chuck Penar or J. Walter Harmon for tickets.
A Bible Study for married couples will be started in the near future. This will be of interest to couples with or without children. If you are interested contact the Office or Rev. Link.

October 19, 1979

To All Counselors and Advisors:

We need people who would be willing to teach a Nurture Group in their Church or home after the Crusade Services have ended at the Butler Intermediate High School. We encourage each Church to have at least one Nurture Group.

There will be a training class on how to conduct a Nurture Group and you will be notified as to the date and time this will be held.

We pray that you will be interested in teaching one of these classes and also that you will take time to pray about this matter.

Please sign this form and return it to: Reverend Ralph Link, Follow-Up Chairman. You may contact Reverend Link each evening before or after the Crusade Service.

I would be interested in teaching a Nurture Group:

Signed _____

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BRIEF SKETCH OF SERVICE

Today's community service differs from those of the recent past in that the focus is on the Passion according to John rather than the Seven Last Words. The latter service was instituted by the Jesuits on the occasion of an earthquake in Lima in 1687.¹ It was introduced into the Church of England in the 1860's and in this century became a popular service for Good Friday both within individual congregations and for community-wide, ecumenical services. The service focusing on the passion narrative in the Gospel of John goes back to the early days of Christianity. The Good Friday service in Jerusalem in the late 4th century followed this form: "At noon they assembled in the open courtyard of the Sanctuary, and from that hour on until three o'clock the time was entirely occupied with lessons about the passion, from psalms and the prophets, the epistles or Acts and the gospels, prayers suitable to the day being said between the lessons. At three o'clock the passage from St. John's gospel about the death of the Lord on Calvary was read, and soon after the service ended."² As late as the 6th century, the Good Friday service in Rome "consisted merely in reading and prayer: Hosea, Exodus, and the Passion according to John followed by solemn prayer . . . and with this the service came to a close."³

Today's service draws heavily upon various sources, ancient and contemporary, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and other.

¹F. L. Cross (ed.), *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 2nd edition, p. 1375.

²J. G. Davies (ed.), *A Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*, p. 190.

³Joseph Jungmann, *The Early Liturgy*, p. 262.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (12:00 noon - 3:00 P.M.)

April 4, 1980

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:00)

INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Leader: All you who pass this way, look and see. Is any sorrow like the sorrow that afflicts me, with which the Lord has struck me on the day of his burning anger.

Let us pray.

Unison: O God, the Son of God, so loving, yet hated, so forgiving, yet assaulted unto death, who did stretch out your hands upon the cross, and redeem us by your blood, forgive us sinners, for none of our thoughts are hid from you. Pardon we ask, pardon we hope for, pardon we trust to have. You who are most loving and gracious, have mercy on us. Amen.

HYMN No. 198, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
(Standing)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isa. 52:13-53:12

PSALM 31. 2, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 25

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

People: Father, I put my life in your hands.

Leader: In the face of all my foes, I am a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. Those who see me in the street run far away from me. I am a dead man, forgotten, like a thing thrown away.

People: Father, I put my life in your hands.

Leader: But as for me, I trust in you, Lord; I say: 'You are my God. My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.'
People: *Father, I put my life in your hands.*
Leader: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.
People: *Father, I put my life in your hands.*

Frank LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9

SILENT MEDITATION

Pat LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

John 18:1-19:42

Pat SERMON

Frank PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN No. 195, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
(Standing. Remain standing for the following prayer.)

John COLLECT FOR THE DAY (Unison)

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

THE ARREST (1.00)

PRAYER

HYMN No. 193, "Go to Dark Gethsemane"
(Standing)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:1-11

PSALM 22:1-21

Leader: My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me.
People: And art so far from saving me, from heeding my groans?
Leader: O my God, I cry in the day time but thou dost not answer.

People: *In the night I cry but get no respite.*
Leader: And yet thou art enthroned in holiness.
People: *Thou art he whose praises Israel sings.*
Leader: In thee our fathers put their trust.
People: *They trusted, and thou didst rescue them.*
Leader: Unto thee they cried and were delivered.
People: *In thee they trusted and were not put to shame.*
Leader: But I am a worm, not a man,
People: *Abused by all men, scorned by the people.*
Leader: All who see me jeer at me,
People: *Make mouths at me and wag their heads.*
Leader: He threw himself on the Lord for rescue.
People: *Let the Lord deliver him for he holds him dear!*
Leader: But thou art he who drew me from the womb,
People: *Who laid me at my mother's breast.*
Leader: Upon thee was I cast at birth;
People: *From my mother's womb thou hast been my God.*
Leader: Be not far from me,
People: *For trouble is near, and I have no helper.*
Leader: A herd of bulls surrounds me,
People: *Great bulls of Bashan beset me.*
Leader: Ravening and roaring lions
People: *Open their mouths wide against me.*
Leader: My strength drains away like water
People: *And all my bones are loose.*
Leader: My heart has turned to wax and melts within me.
People: *My mouth is dry as a potsherd.*
Leader: And my tongue sticks to my jaw;
People: *I am laid low in the dust of death.*
Leader: The huntsmen are all about me;
People: *A band of ruffians rings me round.*
Leader: And they have hucked off my hands and my feet.
People: *I tell my tale of misery.*
Leader: While they look on and gloat,
People: *They share out my garments among them.*
Leader: And cast lots for my clothes.
People: *But do not remain so far away, O Lord;*
Leader: O my help, hasten to my aid.
People: *Deliver my very self from the sword,*
Leader: My precious life from the axe.

Leader: Save me from the lion's mouth.
People: My poor body from the horns of the wild ox.

SOLO

SERMON

PRAYER OF LAMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE

THE INTERROGATION (1:30)

PRAYER

HYMN No. 199 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"
(Standing)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:12-27

PSALM 40:1-11

Leader: I waited, I waited for the Lord, he bent down to me and heard my cry.
People: He brought me up out of the muddy pit, out of the mire and the clay;
Leader: He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm footing;
People: And on my lips he put a new song, a song of praise to our God.
Leader: Many when they see will be filled with awe and will learn to trust in the Lord;
People: Happy is the man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not look to brutal and treacherous men.
Leader: Great things thou hast done, O Lord my God;
People: Thy wonderful purposes are all for our good; none can compare with thee.
Leader: I would proclaim them and speak of them, but they are more than I can tell.
People: If thou hadst desired sacrifice and offering, thou wouldst have given me ears to hear.
Leader: If thou hadst asked for whole-offering and sin-offering, I would have said, 'Here I am.'

People: My desire is to do thy will, O God, and thy law is in my heart.
Leader: In the great assembly I have proclaimed what is right.
People: I do not hold back my words, as thou knowest, O Lord.
Leader: I have not kept thy goodness hidden in my heart;
People: I have proclaimed thy faithfulness and saving power, and have not concealed thy unfailing love and truth from the great assembly.
Leader: Thou, O Lord, dost not withhold thy tender care from me;
People: Thy unfailing love and truth for ever guard me.

SOLO

SERMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ORGAN INTERLUDE

THE TRIAL (2:00)

PRAYER

HYMN No. 191, "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"
(Standing)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:28-19:16

PSALM 54

Leader: Save me, O God, by the power of thy name.
People: And vindicate me through thy might.
Leader: O God, hear my prayer.
People: Listen to my supplication.
Leader: Insolent men rise to attack me,
People: Ruthless men seek my life; they give no thought to God.
Leader: But God is my helper.
People: The Lord is the mainstay of my life.
Leader: May their own malice recoil on my watchful foes;
People: Silence them by thy truth, O Lord.
Leader: I will offer thee a willing sacrifice.
People: And praise thy name, for that is good.

Leader: God has rescued me from every trouble
People: And I look on my enemies' downfall with delight

SOLO

SERMON

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

ORGAN INTERLUDE

THE CRUCIFIXION (2:30)

PRAYER

HYMN No. 194, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
(Standing)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 19:17-37

PSALM 69:1-18

Leader: Save me, O God.
People: For the waters have risen up to my neck.
Leader: I sink in muddy depths and have no foothold;
People: I am swept into deep water, and the flood carries me away.
Leader: I am wearied with crying out, my throat is sore,
People: My eyes grow dim as I wait for God to help me.
Leader: Those who hate me without reason are more than the hairs of my head.
People: Thy outnumber my hairs, those who accuse me falsely.
Leader: How can I give back what I have not stolen?
People: O God, thou knowest how foolish I am, and my guilty deeds are not hidden from thee.
Leader: Let none of those who look to thee be shamed on my account, O Lord God of Hosts;
People: Let none who seek thee be humbled through my fault, O God of Israel.
Leader: For in thy service I have suffered reproach;
People: I dare not show my face for shame.

Leader: I have become a stranger to my brothers,
People: An alien to my own mother's sons;
Leader: Bitter enemies of thy temple tear me in pieces;
People: Those who reproach thee reproach me.
Leader: I have broken my spirit with fasting, only to lay myself open to many reproaches.
People: I have made sackcloth my clothing and have become a byword among them.
Leader: Those who sit by the town gate talk about me;
People: Drunkards sing songs about me in their cups.
Leader: But I lift up this prayer to thee, O Lord:
People: Accept me now in thy great love.
Leader: Answer me with thy sure deliverance, O God.
People: Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;
Leader: Let me be rescued from the muddy depths, so that no flood may carry me away, no abyss swallow me up, no deep close over me.
People: Answer me, O Lord, in the goodness of thy unfailing love, turn towards me in thy great affection.
Leader: I am thy servant, do not hide thy face from me.
People: Make haste to answer me, for I am in distress.
Leader: Come near to me and redeem me;
People: Ransom me, for I have many enemies.

SOLO

SERMON

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN No. 200, "O Jesus, We Adore Thee"
(Standing. Remain standing for following prayer)

PRAYER (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The people will depart in silence)

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS:

12:00 - 1:00

The Rev. Ralph Link (Preacher), St. Paul's United Church of Christ
The Rev. Vons Brookshire (Liturgist), Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Msgr. Francis Glenn (Liturgist), St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
The Rev. John Snyder (Liturgist), Christian Book Store

1:00 - 1:30

Fr. Philip Fink (Preacher), St. Fidelis College
Fr. Jack Fitzgerald (Liturgist), St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church

1:30 - 2:00

The Rev. Donald Campbell (Preacher), Covenant United Presbyterian Church
The Rev. David Wilson (Liturgist), First United Methodist Church

2:00 - 2:30

The Rev. Melvin Vance (Preacher), Community Alliance Church
Capt. Thomas Pugh (Liturgist), Salvation Army

2:30 - 3:00

The Rev. Randolph Bandy (Preacher), Calvary United Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Cloyd Osborne (Liturgist), Christ Community United Methodist Church

ORGANISTS:

Becky Beith (12:00 - 1:00)
Kathy Harlan (1:00 - 2:00)
David Wilson (2:00 - 3:00)

SOLOISTS:

Leann Heaton (1:00 - 1:30)
Paula Stevenson (1:30 - 2:00)
William Speidel (2:00 - 2:30)
Sandie Prandy (2:30 - 3:00)

Special thanks to Miss Kathy Harlan for arranging the music

USHERS The ushers are provided by the MORA Club.

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THE CHANCEL

The paraments for Good Friday in the Chancel of Saint Andrews were newly designed this year by the Chancel Committee, focusing on Jesus' cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." The gold Celtic cross, which symbolizes the resurrection of the crucified Christ, is covered for this Good Friday service.

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A wise teacher once said to a group of teachers as they began a course of study in the Bible, "You will not get much out of the Bible if you read it through with the idea that God is a policeman. Read it as though God were a broken-hearted father looking for his lost children."

sums
this in capsule form ~~sums~~ up all that can be read or spoken on this day in
any ~~and all services~~ known as Good Friday. This is the central theme of all of
God's word. He reveals this in the prophet of Jewish speaking of the suffering
servant. He speaks of this through the author of the book of Hebrews which
tells of Jesus Christ as the great high priest. And woven into the fabric of
all of the Gospels is this searching and seeking for the lost by a loving father.
We have read what is known as the passion according to St. John. But ~~what~~ in
this is something which is central. ~~And this is an instrument of which was used~~
It will be spoken of again and again. We cannot observe Good Friday and not
imagine it. That something is "the process" an instrument used for execution.
This is the symbol which signifies for the Christian the extreme God went to
in order to ~~finally~~ redeem mankind.

Some years ago a young farmer came into town and hitched his team of horses and wagon to the hitching post and went into the general store. This was before the automobile was completely in vogue. Someone who had a car came down the street and the car backfired causing the horses to bolt and start down the street. At this time the farmer was coming out of the store and he dropped his supplies and ran after the horses. Farther down the street he was able to get alongside one of them and pull on the bridle to get them stopped. He succeeded but in the ~~war~~ process had fallen beneath their hooves and was badly hurt. Someone called the doctor and he determined the man was too badly crushed to live. He spoke to the farmer and said, "I am sorry, that was a tremendous price you paid for those horses"

fore the farmer find he owned his own soul, "Look in the wagon." They did and there under the straw was the farmers little boy sound asleep and undisturbed by what had taken place." This is similar to what God did for mankind.

The Apostle John writing of this said, "and so love the world, that we love his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." He made it possible for all people to have this communion with him, but it cost something. That cost was the life of the one we know as Jesus Christ.

In this was the culmination of centuries of God reaching out to redeem man's creation. ~~nothing of the human condition for our redemption doesn't~~ a thing of a price such as death being necessary for redemption doesn't fill anyone with delight. In an age ~~in which~~ in which we have known death and violence on a large scale we are revolted by it. The central thought permeated in all our minds is to have peace and tranquillity. But the only peace we can truly know and enjoy is the peace which comes from God. And again we are told in scripture that we are bought with a price and that price was the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Which brings us back once more to the cross. God has provided what which man needs.

John Foster tells of his daughter Ann who died of cancer at the age of 27. The day before she died he was sitting beside her bed. It is as often the case he didn't really know what to say to comfort her. At one point he said, "Ann, in whatever world God will take care of you." He said she looked at him and gave him an answer which was ~~almost~~ almost unexpected in her condition. She said, "Of course not, he always has." He said he knew that even on her deathbed she was so full of God's holy spirit that she could be the conqueror of death like Jesus heraviour. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are more than conquerors, through Jesus who loved us and that nothing can separate us from that love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the

Two ~~men~~ men known in the Christian world were each asked at one time what it was ~~that~~ the central belief ~~that~~ they based their faith on. And St. I. Moody the evangelist said he could sum it up in a few short sentences. He said it is this: he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." He was quoting from ~~the~~ the prophet Isaiah chapter 53.

His cross in other words was the suffering servant as exemplified in Jesus Christ
and his death on the cross.

The other man was the German theologian Dr. Karl Barth. He made a visit to the United States. He was in Chicago at the time and was being interviewed by a group of reporters. One of them asked him, "Dr. Barth what is the one thing above all else you have learned that is the most important to you." He thought for a moment and ~~then he said, "This is the most important thing I have ever~~ ~~learned; that~~ all of them sat expectantly with pencil or pen poised to take down this profound statement. Dr. Barth ~~continued~~ said, "This is the most important thing I have ever learned, 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'" This is what Good Friday, and Easter, and Christmas and all of the rest is all about. It is the fact that God loves you and He and His love for us was and is so great, that He gave His Son Jesus Christ for us. God wants the reach of you and know that love this day. Amen.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Easter Sunday April 6, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Lloyd Link, and Mrs. Ginger Harbison -
Youth Choir Directors
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Julie Vargo, Tracy McMillin - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Improvisation" Butler
*Processional Hymn No. 167 "Christ the Lord Is Risen"
*The Ascription
*Choral Introit "Wide Swing The Gates" Kenney
*Invocation (In Unison) "Eternal God, our Father, we praise
you for the joy that comes into our hearts on this Easter
morn. As the risen Christ brought hope to those in sorrow
long ago, we thank you that He can bring new hope to us.
Lift us from the depths of sorrow and sadness we pray,
as we are mindful of His victory over death. You have
turned the shadows of death into rays of morning light,
and thus may you illumine our spirits with the blessed
assurance of eternal life made possible through our Saviour.
Thanks be to you for giving us this victory, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praise.
*Doxology
Who's Who In the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Prayer Requests
Youth Choir Anthem "He Arose"
Easter Prayer
The Offering
Offertory "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days" Bach
The Easter Anthem "Joy In The Morning" Sleeth
Sung by Chancel Choir
The Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
The Sermon: "Life In A Boneyard"
The Sermon Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*The Hymn of Triumph No. 165 The Day of Resurrection"
*The Benediction
*The Choral Benediction "Thanks Be To God For Now He
Lives" Rogers
*The Postlude "Prelude In Classic Style" Young
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
Serving as Ushers today are *Charles Penar, Dan Bosko,
Robert Kanuer, Dave McMillin.
Deacon and Mrs. Bruce McBride will greet the Congregation
at the door this morning.
Rob Vinroe and Don Kingsley will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Hospitalized - Mr. J. Walter Harmon - 047
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Gloria Walker
and Karen Pfabe and Tracy Johnston.
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Fencil on Birth
New Baby Boy.
Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Rensel on the
Birth of New Baby Girl.
We need volunteers to help in the Nursery- Call Mrs.
Donald Wogan or contact the office if you can help.
Tickets are available from various women in the Church
for the Salad Smorgasbord coming May 10 at 1:00 P.M.
We will have entertainment which you will also enjoy.
Come out and support your church in the Bldg. Fund
Activities Projects. The office also has tickets.
Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Meeting.
Friday - ARC - Pot Luck and Installation of New
Officers - 6:30 P.M.
The Newsletter will be a little late since the Bible
Reading did not come in on time.
Hope you all have a nice Easter and a safe one.
Envelopes for your Lily are in the Office if you have
not already Paid for them. If you stop in when you
pick up your Lily it will save mailing them all out.
Elder and Deacon Training Classes will begin April 20
(Sunday) in Rehoboth Hall during the Church School
period.
Our sincere sympathy to Mr. Charles McWilliams and
Family. Eleanor McWilliams passed away on Wednesday.
If you did not pick up your new envelopes last week
they are in the Narthex on the table.

"Life in a Graveyard"

orig: Lsel 77:1-14; Lask: Lask 77:7

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of life & preach.

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vs 4= ask Lask about bones

vs 5= answer is, bones bring & liv

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around ask same quest

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our fear Jews

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In 20:19= as appear Peter soon

vs 24-25= Thomas no other & say he doubt bout is

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4 ask Lask bout this=Can these bones live?

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All of this shows a lot of impossible & is that

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Yes they can and one day our tomb will be empty

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To Whom It May Concern: Counselors/Advisor

From: Howard Robbins, Crusade Associate & Ralph Link, Chairman, C.L.S.W.C.

Do you remember what I said happens when a grown man has a tantrum, you are about to see one. If the stage was carpeted fully I would have had one.

Last nights statistic sheet was the cause of many raised eyebrows. Under commitment there are three choices:

- ☐ Acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord
- ☐ Assurance of Salvation
- ☐ Rededication

There is no other! And we had (50) others reported.

Therefore, all of you who did not check off one of these three spots kindly come to the Co-Labor Room before or after the Crusade this evening and correct your card.

Secondly, we are seriously short on "Knowing Christ" and "My Personal Commitment" (Childrens' books). If you have one at home, please bring it in. Return it to the Crusade Counselors check-in table. Would you kindly not take these home for the remainder of the week. The advisors will have the packs available as you come down the aisle.

Childrens' books are to be given out to those (12) and under. Adult books to those (13) and up. Please be sure to ask the age of the person coming forward as well as what decision they are coming forward to make. Remember, after you have finished counseling to introduce the inquirer to an Advisor. He will check the card to be sure it is complete.

Things are going well, so keep up the good work.

Note: There will not be a meeting at the close of the Crusade tonight unless otherwise notified.

October 16, 1979

"Life in a Cemetery"

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Text: Ezekiel 37:3

Just recently I read of a retired minister who spends his retirement preaching in ~~xxxxxx~~ churches with vacant pulpits. He said that he writes letters to prospective churches, but in his letter he always tells them he will not preach on Easter. His reason being, that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ he finds it difficult to find something to

preach about. I can't vouch for that fellow, but if I had my choice as to when to preach it would be Easter, or Christmas. These are two significant days in which there is a large variety of things to be preached. It isn't because there are more people in church on these days. Nor is it because after I have begun to preach I notice some wedding acquaintances. But it is because those two days of the Christian calendar have special significance for Christians and especially pastors.

(Illustration of sailing vessel sailing for 15 years with dead corpses)

The amount of calling to the war at that time could make it possible for them to man it and put it on a course. This was the vision Ezekiel the prophet was seeing. He was shown a valley filled with bones by God. They were dry, which meant they had been there for some time

and God asks Ezekiel a question, (verse 3), "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel answers, "Lord God thou knowest." It is for God to know that only. So God asks Ezekiel to speak to the dry bones, verse 4. The message is that the bones are going to live, verse 5.

Ezekiel did as he was told and the bones came to life, but the bones were only a representation of Israel which had been scattered throughout the world. God was saying that they would become a nation once again and actually Ezekiel was saying our day right now. Israel has become a nation again, but the rest of this prophecy is still in the future when Israel will have a spiritual resurrection yet to come.

But I would like for us to think along the lines of the question God asked, "Can these bones live?" For the people at this time there was no assurance of

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Arietta" Dello Joio
*Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"
*Ascription: Choral Introit "Hymn to Joy" Beethoven
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Our heavenly Father, who by Thy love hast made us, and through Thy love has kept us, and in Thy love wouldst make us perfect, we humbly confess that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, and mind, and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hath loved us. Thy love is in us, but our selfishness hath hindered Thee. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in Thy Spirit direct what we shall be; that Thy image may come into full glory in us and in all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise
*Pastor: 'O Lord open our lips
*People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 256 "Lord, speak to me"
Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering
Offertory "Improvisation" Butler
At. m: "With A Voice of Singing" Shaw

Scripture: John 12:20-22

Sermon: "Post Easter Panes"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 461 "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Easter Dawn" Nolte

*Postlude Ricercare on "St. Anne" Young

+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. George Pflugh in Loving Memory of their "Daughter" Pamela Jean Pflugh.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Mary Burns, Jean Pflugh, Diana Hollefreund and Vivian Wachsmuth.

William Ohl and Chuck Penar will be visiting the Hospital this week.

> Monday - 7:30 - Follow-up Committee Meeting

Wed. - 7:30 - Golden Circle Meeting

Tues. - 8:00 - Volleyball with Bill Ohl

Thurs. - 10:30 - Mary Martha Meeting at Sarah Snows.

Nursery is provided today by Mrs. Lois Wogan and Tina Groves.

WE NEED HELP IN THE NURSERY - IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ONCE EVERY 5 or 6 MONTHS - PLEASE CALL MRS. DON WOGAN OR CONTACT THE OFFICE.

> Thursday - 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal.

> Hospitalized - Betty Tressler - *Wife of Bill Tressler*

> Teacher's Training Class Sunday evening 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Open to anyone wanting to learn more about the Bible, or additional help to teach certain portions of the Bible. This class will study a survey of the Old Testament: Poetry and Prophecy. - *6:45-8:15 PM*

> Deacons and Elders Training Class during Sunday School hour in Rehoboth Hall. If you are interested come and sit in on the class. This class will be for five consecutive weeks.

Coming up - May 10 - Saturday at 1:00 P.M. - SALAD SMORGASBORD here at our Church. Entertainment will be provided for you. We hope with your help to have a lovely doings. Tickets are available from the Office Give your Mothers a treat and bring them for Mother's Day a day early.

Mrs. Nohach would like to thank the Congregation for cards, prayers and the wheat and grapes during the recent loss of her Husband - Nick.

"- O. J. Simpson - 1995 -"

enl: gen: John 11:2-10; next: John 12:1-10

"And, oh, you would let it stand there with us
 the lone series-face around which it has been
 surrounded for last days; if I only had taken my
 seat they would have only in it and went because
 the that wind and life spread better a wreath
 (Thus and preter a woman call his "one")

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face of the face. I don't know what the face is, but I know
one face; what you can see - I don't know the face then the
face is - - - - -

"The Sermon on the Mount"

Scripture: Luke 12:1-20

St: John 12:21b

Jesus had come and gone and perhaps with it a lot of what should be starting with us. This winter season we went through a series entitled, "Voices in the Crowd," in which we ~~xx~~ took a look at those people who surrounded Jesus during the last days of his life. Involved in this was an intent on my part to have us look at ourselves not only from the standpoint of those people's lives, but also in light of what we want for each of us. With this thought in mind I would like to tie all of the preceding sermons together and give us a synopsis of them.

(Illustration of preacher filling in on a word calling him "A. J. Jones")

The word the master was talking about is spelled correctly in your bulletin. It is ~~gain~~, and not gain. After all, there may be gain, but I am going to refer instead to ~~gain~~.

In our scripture we read about some people coming to the feast in verse 29.

This was a natural thing. The feast was the feast of the passover. The day involved was probably Sunday or what we call Holy Week. It was usually, following Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday. I said it was a natural thing for people to be there and this was because ~~many~~ many of them were inquisitive people in search of truth. It was for this reason that the apostle John wrote his gospel.

John points out that these Greeks came to Philip and that Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee. There is no explanation as to why they chose Philip but the answer must be that Philip was a Greek name and they figured someone with a Greek name would give them the proper conduit to this man Jesus Christ. There is also the possibility that these Greek people were in the court of the Herods when Jesus cast out the money changers on Sunday and desired to meet this one who seemed to want to set things right.

But Philip, not knowing what to do with these men, came to Andrew and once again Andrew acts as the introducer and presents them to Jesus. It was Andrew who

brought Peter to Jesus; it was Andrew who brought the boy with the five loaves and two fish to Jesus; and it was now Andrew who brought these people to Jesus. And what was it the people wanted? They said, "Sir, we would see Jesus! We would see Jesus!" This is what men have been craving for centuries. Let us look at just a few:

We read in the Gospel accounts of a young man coming to Jesus and asking about eternal life. In Matthew it is found in the 23rd chapter beginning with the 16th verse, (read this). He seemed to think that he could ask some difficult questions and he would receive some easy answers. But he didn't see the picture clearly, or see Jesus clearly for that matter. He was willing to do the things which didn't cost him material possessions. But Jesus told him this was required in order to fully accept him as Lord and Saviour.

(Illustration of minister and model train locomotive going backwards)

~~When we look at Jesus we should see him~~ When we look at Jesus we should see him ^{under} one who wants our lives to run forward and in his direction and guidance. It can't be the way we think it should be, but instead, must be measured always by how close we are living to his way.

In the 19th chapter of Luke we read of a tax collector by the name of Zacchaeus. We are told that he was "chief" among the tax collectors. This meant that he was in charge of the tax collectors of Jericho. He was also very rich which was not unusual since most tax collectors took in more than they should, and this was theirs to keep. But Zacchaeus saw Jesus clearly and for this he was willing to change his lifestyle. He recognized that he had been living for "self."

(Illustration of master and man moving in and "I'll show you how to live without it") We should see Jesus as being the center of our lives. Is He that, or does He take second place because our possessions and selves take precedence over Him? When we begin to live for Him, the things of this world grow dim by the light of His wonderful face, as the hymn writer states.

Then there is the example of Peter and his betrayal of Jesus. We read in Luke 22:61, "and the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter." This was enough. Peter

didn't need to hear another word. He went out and never because he was con-
_onted with himself.

(Illustration of minister preaching and note, "If, we could see Jesus")
This is the only message which must be preached. It isn't popular subjects, or
selected shorts from the TV Bible. But, Jesus Christ and His message of sal-
vation.

When we look at Jesus Christ ~~in our lives~~ His face
should be like a mirror to us. In that mirror we should see our sinful selves
reflected and be confronted by those sins. The face of Jesus Christ when truly
seen is this way because it carries life. For each of us takes the
time and effort to make the necessary changes in our lives. Perhaps it
may exist, one will look at ourselves through "the" our weaknesses."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Third Sunday in Eastertide April 20, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Amy Vargo and Danny Mangel - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Andantino" Gigout
*Processional Hymn No. 59 "God of the glorious sunshine"
*Ascription - Choral Call to Worship
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Lord God, our Saviour, you
have been faithful in your promise to deliver us from
the guilt of our sins, and make us acceptable to you
and your kingdom. But too often I have not been faithful
in following my promise to obey your will, and I have not
loved my neighbors and enemies. I humbly ask forgiveness
Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen."
*Kyrie - Assurance of Pardon - Coral Amen -
*Praise: Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 232 "Mid all the traffic of the ways"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
Doxology No. 59 (Last verse only to be sung as a round)
Anthem: "Christ is Made The Sure Foundation" Wood
Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1-15
Sermon: "Twice Safe"
*Closing Hymn No. 323 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"
Benediction

Choral Benediction
Postlude "Processional From Symphony I" Brahms
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Earl Wagon's Family in his memory.
Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert
Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Bea Tait and Karen Kennedy will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Nursery will be provided today by Dodie Kradel and
Kay Brown.
Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation
at the door.
Attendance - March 23 - 203; Palm Sunday - 264,
Good Friday 95; Maundy Thurs 200; Easter - 290;
April 13 - 191.
Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class
Tuesday and Thurs - Rehoboth Hall is rented
Hospital: Betty Tressler - BCMH; Helen Hilliard, - 60 -
Grove City
Today started Elder and Deacon classes (5 weeks)
Tonight - 6:30 - Teachers Training Classes *Wagon's*
Last week we got about 5 new helpers in the Nursery.
We need more adults to help out. Contact Mrs. Donald
Wagon or the Office if you can help out.
Salad Smorgasbord - May 10 - Saturday 1:00 P.M.
Tickets are available today from the Office and a lot
of the Women in the Church. Tickets are only \$3.00
a lot of the Churches charge \$4.50. Come out and
support your Church.
Thurs. - 6:30 - Meeting of the Salad Smorgasbord
Committee.
Our sincere sympathy to Chet Stauffer and Family in
the recent loss of his Mother.
Confirmation pictures are in the office you can pick
yours up this morning.
Faith to Faith - Tuesday - 7:30 P.M. at the First
Methodist Church. Our Choir will be singing.
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Flow softly, Spring! Please make no sudden sound,
For in our wintry city yesterday I found
A tiny flower rising from the ground. Breathe softly!!

October 19, 1979

To All Counselors and Advisors:

We need people who would be willing to teach a Nurture Group in their Church or Home after the Crusade Services have ended at the Butler Intermediate High School. We encourage each Church to have at least one Nurture Group.

There will be a training class on how to conduct a Nurture Group and you will be notified as to the date and time this will be held.

We pray that you will be interested in teaching one of these classes and also that you will take time to pray about this matter.

Please sign this form and return it to: Reverend Ralph Link, Follow-Up Chairman. You may contact Reverend Link each evening before or after the Crusade Service.

I would be interested in teaching a Nurture Group:

Signed _____

he was enthusiastic for them that (1911) they themselves had written and sung
"This is the Temple of the Lord." The next month said, it would be better
explained. In 1912 people at the same time and place and so were they, if they
continued to come and worship here.

But the voice continues, "If you really are, (see 1-11). Now the people are hear-
ing, getting stirred up. Now he is beginning to tell them. But he continues as
a strong man to tell them to fall over this word. They know they are hearing a
message, and even if it is not the best, it is, just in case.

(see 1-11). He points out to them that they are not to have any more and finally
he says to them to go to the place where they are. Thus the "White Wolf" and he
is questioning the validity of his house of people.

And this time will surely, turned to them. He says, "This is the
message: a comparison between this beautiful temple and the temple of the Lord
which once stood at Babel. Babel, the house which was, 'The House of the Lord'."

Now Babel, too, it was once a beautiful temple and was built, and it was
in Babel, too, (see 1-11) and his message is finished. They are now
probably because of the brightness of the light which he has shown to them.

Now the people are excited and ready to go. The message has been given
and he will now tell them of the things which he has begun, so he is now in the
presence of them. They will now be the ones that are because of

this immense interruption of it. But now we must go back to the house,
an immense, and the people will be able to see the things which they have
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...and the Minister Church, he that never say it said, there are a lot of people who say we shouldn't have out, we are safe - safe to do all these terrible things. But sometimes times, all sorts of sins and they make a hell of a lot of trouble and he said "I'll be telling about it and telling about those who only do it to show up about twice a year. The Minister never said anything. Now I know never this particular because of the church so I wouldn't be accused of offending some people who is this. And I also know that if I don't explain this a lot of you are going to tell me after church that I was preaching to the wrong people. And I assume you I am speaking to the right people. The reason I say that is because you are here, and I think of you that and for you. But the fact of you just think that is said last and now it will be said at the same time as the to the wrong people. When in fact you could be leave here and call on your relatives and tell them what you learned know about being a Christian today. That way we can reach the right people because many, many of them are your relatives and you'll say to them twice about what is wrong with this church, but you never tell them that is right about it.

I have been finding out more and more that none of you will say one thing to my face and something else behind my back. There are some of you who do not think I should keep on working here but with me standing in there it makes a change in many lives. I would suggest you read the scriptures and see what they said to the church people of their day. Read what Jesus Christ said to his church about the so called "Church going people of his day." Then tell us that the Christian Church today should persecute around in order to please a few people who want to do their own thing and then come to church and say, "We were safe - safe."

I see this type of thinking within the denomination and within the local church. You know you in the denomination keep telling us that if we want to be a part of the larger church we should accept them as either that they do. In the local church we are told we must have people around who are good than you

challenge that of their personal responsibility.

...+ Remembered in the temple when Jeremiah preached this sermon, "Hear ye the word of the Lord. They didn't care to look back and wonder what life they were leading the fall of this family. They were in the temple, they were in the temple. They thought the family of which they were a part on. And it still was not destroyed. The Lord said in that temple of Jerusalem that it would be as yet on and nothing could ever happen to it, and would preserve it. After all, wasn't it God's house? And what happened to it? Kill (Illustration of Dr. Hastings and grandson of former president of family) Are you going to be the last Christian in your family line? I want to see Christian!

I would you not have honestly answered. It will, "I don't like to tell you about it but I don't want to stand for death." We don't want to stand for death, we don't want to stand for death, and do terrible things. This house will not stand forever and it is as for the death of the family. It will stand for the death of the father, right on down to the youngest person in our midst. The question is, will we eventually stand for death, accept it as your life and make the necessary changes to make it death? And are you willing to take it as the best of your family and relatives as they go on all around you that accept it as death?

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday in Eastertide April 27, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Amy Vargo and Danny Mangel - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Lord, Speak to Me" Schumann
*Processional Hymn No. 25 "Before Jehovah's awful throne"
*Ascription
*Choral Call to Worship
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father, give us the spirit
Your Son has promised us; to make us honest people
again; to know and face the truth; to see ourselves
and cease from laying our defections at your door;
to see your only goodness in our desperate need for you.
Forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 229 "Dear Father, to Thy mercy seat"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "At an Old Trysting Place" MacDowell
Offertory Response No. 59 Verse #5 (Sung as a round)
Anthem "How Firm A Foundation" Davis
Scripture: Jeremiah 7:17-20
Sermon: "Cookie Monsters"

*Closing Hymn No. 322 "The Church's one Foundation"
*Benediction
*Choral Benediction
Postlude "Coccia" Dello Joio
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mrs. Margaret McClymonds in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel, Don
Kingsley, Art Carney, and Gary Penar.
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation
at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Teresa Palmer and
Valerie Hartley.
Bruce McBride and Roy Andrews will visit the Hospital
this week.
Tonight - 6:30 P.M. Teachers Training Class
We still need Adult helpers in the Nursery. You will
only be contacted 1 time out of 4 or 5 months.
Call Mrs. Donald Wogan.
The Rehoboth Hall has been rented Tuesday and Thursday
Evenings.
Tues. - 8:00 - Volleyball with Bill Ohl.
The Program is set for the Salad Smorgasbord. Ladies
see your tickets to both Men and Women and even outside
the Church. We will need a report soon. When you
are asked to make a special salad for the Salad
Smorgasbord - please make them as appealing and
attractive as possible - as well as appetizing. We
will have candy and cheese as well as all types of hot
and cold salads (including meat, tuna, chicken, jello
bean, tossed, potato and everything imaginable.
Tickets are only \$3.00 and a lot of the ladies will
have them today. We can only sell around 200 so get
them now. Remember SATURDAY MAY 10, at 1:00 P.M.
All salads should be here at the Church no later than
11:00 A.M.
Wed. - April 30 - Vacation Bible School meetin of Teachers
and helpers at 7:30 P.M.
The Butler Area Laymen will have their Spring Meeting
and "Ladies Nite", Thurs. May 15th, at 6:30 P.M. at
St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Zelienople.
See Chuck Penar or J. Walter Harmon for tickets.

WOMEN'S NITE - FRIDAY 6:30

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Butler, Pennsylvania

Mother's Day May 11, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Kitty Feder, Organist
Mr. Lloyd Link and Mrs. Ginger Harbison,
Youth Choir Directors
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Brian Hollefreund and Traci Graves - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Mother" Greg
*Processional Hymn No. 75 "This is my Father's World"
*Ascription

*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Lord God, our Saviour, you have been faithful in your promise to deliver us from the guilt of our sins, and make us acceptable to you and your kingdom. But too often I have not been faithful in following my promise to obey your will, and I have not loved my neighbors and enemies. I humbly ask forgiveness, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen."

*Kyrie

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests.

Children's Moment (All Children please come forward to Chancel)

Cherub Choir "Zacchaeus" Directed by
Cyndie Sybert

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory "Prayer for the Home" Broughton
Anthem: "Love, Love, Love" Youth Choir

Scripture: Genesis 26:34-35

Sermon: "TWO BAD"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 467 "I love to tell the story"

*Benediction

Postlude

***** *Congregation Standing *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nazarek in memory of "Loved Ones"

Serving as Ushers today are: *Barbara Vargo, Virginia

Mangel, Nancy Link and Karen Kennedy.

Elder and Mrs. Robert Tait will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.

Rehoboth Hall has been rented Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesday - 8:00 - Volleyball with Wm. Ohl

Wed. - 6:00 - Mother and Daughter Tureen Dinner here

at the Church - Please bring a tureen and table

service. The meat, dessert, and drink will be

provided.

Thursday - 6:30 P.M. Butler Area Laymen's Spring

Meeting and "Ladies Nite", at St. Peter's United

Church of Christ, Zelienople. See Chuck Penar or

J. Walter Harmon for tickets.

> Vacation Bible School Craft Needs: We need styrofoam egg cartons, yarn scraps and 1 pound butter bowls.

A sample butter bowl and box for other items is in

the Narthex. If you have any of these items that you

could donate it would be appreciated.

> New Members will be received next Sunday - If you know of anyone interested in joining our Church - Please

contact the Pastor.

> We will be passing Sign-up sheets thru the Congregation today for two different classes during the Sunday

School period. These are Adult Electives - please

make your choice,

> We need helpers to help distribute Vacation Bible

School invitations thru the South-side of Butler.

Remember V. B. S. begins June 16-20 from 7-9 P.M.

Community Bible Church - Sagamore, Pa. - May 8, 1994

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

FAMILY NIGHT JUNE 4 MARK CALENDARS NOW

ASCRPTION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCOMPETH ROUND ABOUT THEM
THAT FEAR HIM, AND DELIVERETH THEM.

O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD:

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN HIM. PS 34:7-8

*HYMN

OFFERING/PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 26:34-35

SERMON: "TWO BAD" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 5/11/80

*HYMN

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the Congress, dated January 3, 1862. It is a very important document, as it contains the President's views on the state of the Union and the progress of the war. The letter is written in a very formal and dignified style, and it is one of the most important documents of the Civil War era.

2. The second part of the document is a report from the Secretary of the War Department, dated January 10, 1862. It is a very important document, as it contains the Secretary's views on the state of the war and the progress of the military operations. The report is written in a very formal and dignified style, and it is one of the most important documents of the Civil War era.

3. The third part of the document is a report from the Secretary of the Navy Department, dated January 10, 1862. It is a very important document, as it contains the Secretary's views on the state of the navy and the progress of the naval operations. The report is written in a very formal and dignified style, and it is one of the most important documents of the Civil War era.

4. The fourth part of the document is a report from the Secretary of the Treasury Department, dated January 10, 1862. It is a very important document, as it contains the Secretary's views on the state of the treasury and the progress of the financial operations. The report is written in a very formal and dignified style, and it is one of the most important documents of the Civil War era.

5. The fifth part of the document is a report from the Secretary of the Interior Department, dated January 10, 1862. It is a very important document, as it contains the Secretary's views on the state of the interior and the progress of the land operations. The report is written in a very formal and dignified style, and it is one of the most important documents of the Civil War era.

SCRIP: GEN 26:34-35; Sermon: "TWO BAD"

(ILUS JOKES ABOUT MARRIAGE)

ALTHO MAY JOK BOUT MARAG,⁴SUM IT IS RING OF TRUTH IN TH/HUMOR
WAT SHUDE & IS MENT 2B A GIFT OF HAPNES FR/GOD 2MAN,⁴MANY IS
A NITEMARE

* CASE IN PT IS THE MAN ESAU IN OUR SCRIP THIS MORN
VS 34=1ST THING DID WRONG, WAS TO MARRY MOR THAN ONE WIF
BUT AT THIS TIM, THIS PART OF WORL IT NORML MARY MOR THAN ONE
BUT IT WASNT WAT TH/ISRAITES WER 2DO
BUT IF LK WHO THEZ WOMN WER WE CAN C TH/2ND PROB THEZ MARAGS
VS 34=THEY WER BOTH HITTITES

NOT PROPR 2MARRY OUTSID OF THEIR FAITH
2ND THEZ WER HEATHENS & ENEMYS OF TH/ISRAITES
VS 35=2MARRY OUTSIDE OF TH/FAITH WAS 2WEAKN TH/FAMILY STRUCTUR
FAMILY IN ORDR 2B STRENGTHND & BILT UP HAD 2B KEP PUR FR/OUTSIDE
INFLUENCES

THIS IS WHY THEZ MARAGS BROT GRIEF 2 ISAAC & REBEKAH
THIS IDEA OF KEEP FAMLY ON HIGHER LEVEL WAS NOT 2B TAKN LITELY
BY TH/JEWISH PEOP & THEY HAD TH/RITE IDEA

THEY WER SERIOUS ABOUT THER RELATSHIP W/GOD
WE WUD DO WEL 2GET OUR NATIN BAK 2THIS TYP OF THINK & ACTIN
WE HEAR OF TERM "T - L - C" 2day & IT MEANS=TENDR, LUVING, CARE
I WUD LIKE TO USE TH/FIRST LETTR FR/EA WORD 2MAK A PRESCRIP 4
OUR FAMLYS

WE CANT HAV A STRONG FAMLY UNIT UNLES IT IS FOUNDED UPON GOD
TAK TH/FIRST LETTR OF "TENDER" TH/LETTR "T" & THIS IS THEOLOGY
THEOLOGY SIMPLY MEANS A "STUDY OF GOD," OR "TH/THINGS OF GOD"
A FAMLY FNDED UPON GOD WIL STIL HAV PROBS, CARES, ETC.
BUT IT WIL HAV A BASIS 2DEAL W/THOZ PROBS, ETC BCUZ FNDATIN OF
GOD - HIS WORD, TH/CHURCH, OTHR GOD-FEARING PEOP AS FREINDS
BY HAV THIS WE WIL UNDRSTAN/KNC WAT GOD IS & WAT HE WANTS 4HIS
CHURCH

LIKE SOCIETY 2DAY & C WAT TAK PLCE
ALL SORTS FACTINS FITE AMONG SELVS=WOMN THINK IT MALE SOCIETY
& MUS CHNG EVRTH 2B NON-MALE ORIENTED

BIBLE=INCLUSIV LANG, HYMNALS ETC
(ILUS TH/AMEN & OMEN RIBBER OF A WOMEN'S LIBBER)

IT TAKS MOR THAN BEING LIBERATED WHTHR MALE/FEMAL 2MAK A GUD
SOLID, GODLY FAMLY - IT TAKS PEO CCMTED 2 TH/LORD
BUT NOT ONLY THEOLOGY, BUT LUV IS WAT IS NEEDED

LUVING PEO IN TH/HCM, LUV OF FATHRS, MOTHERS, SCNS, DOTTRS
2DAY THER A LOT OF PRETEND MOTHERS/FATHERS+ACTULY ONLY BIOLOGICL
PARENTS - BRING KIDS IN2 WORL & OTHRS MUS RAIS THEM
IS DAY OF OLD FASHINED MOTHERS OVER?? I THINK NOT!!

(ILUS FARM WOMAN & NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED)
NOT A SLAVE, BUT A PERSN WHO PUTS LUV INTO ALL THAT IS DUN
(ILUS GRANDMA'S BISQUITS) CALL UPON GOD 4ALL HELP/GUIDANC FAMLY
THEOLOGY, LUV & ALSO NEEDS CARE

CARE NOT ONLY OF MOTHER 4FAMLY, BUT HUSBAND/FATHER CARE, & KIDS CARE
IT TAKS ALL 2GETHR CARING 4ONE ANOTHR EVR DAY

(ILUS BILL HARVEY & "WHAT A WOMAN")

THIS WAT MAKS OR BRKS A FAMLY

WUDNT IT HAV BIN NICER 2READ THAT WAT ESAU DID WAS,
"A JOY OF HEART AND MIND TO ISAAC AND REBEKAH" ???

LET'S PRAY THAT G WIL HELP EA US STRNTHN FAMLYS WE R IN
LET'S JOIN HANDS AS FAMLYS WHER POSSBL & PRAY

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Seventh Sunday in Eastertide May 18, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tina Groves and Sharon Pfabe, Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Tersanctus" Lorenz
*Processional Hymn No. 184 "All Hail the Power"
*Ascription
*Choral Call to Worship
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Lord God, our Saviour, you have been faithful in your promise to deliver us from the guilt of our sins, and make us acceptable to you and your kingdom. But too often I have not been faithful in following my promise to obey your will, and I have not loved my neighbors and enemies. I humbly ask forgiveness, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
Offertory Response No. 59 Verse No. 5 (Sung as a round)
Baptism of New Members Mr. & Mrs. William Stalker (Joan); and Douglas Sanko.

Anthem: "I Sing The Almighty Power of God" Lovelace
Pianist - Elaine Greenway

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13
Sermon: "THE ELEVENTH HOUR"

*Closing Hymn No. 182 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude "Caccia" Norman Dello Joio

***** *Congregation Standing: *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Campbell in loving Memory of Joan's "Parents"

Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel, Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait will be at the door this morning to greet the Congregation and Visitors.

Nursery will be provided today by: Mrs. Sharon Schmittlein.

Hospitalized: Adam Fencil, Herman Lippold - BCMH; Roy Andrews, Citizens Gen. New Kensington; Mrs. Paul Ritter and Howard Bolam - West Penn Hospital, 4800 Friendship Ave. Pittsburgh.

We have a total of \$482.60 clear from the Salad Smorgasbord. (\$47.10 was from candy and roll sales.)

I would like to thank the Committee, the men who set up and took down tables. I would also like to thank Rev. Link, Entertainers and everyone who brought food of any kind, & putting up signs. - - - Bea Tait

Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class and Silent Auction.
Tues. 6-8 Hall is Rented; 8:00 - Volleyball with Bill Ohl.

If you have not given The Office or (Bea) your name

if you are graduating - please do so immediately.

Sunday School will be at 9:30 A.M. beginning June 1 -

Morning Worship will continue at 11:00 A.M.

Thurs. 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is Rented.

Sunday, June 1 - "Open House" at Camp Bucoco from 2-4 P.M.

Silent Auction coming up on Friday June 6 - Please

have everything in after 9:00 P.M. on Thursday.

June 8 - Recognition of Seniors.

June 22 - Church in the Park, and Family Picnic.

NEW ADULT CLASSES JULY 1,
YOUNG PEOPLE

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Pentecost Sunday May 25, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mrs. Betty Huselton, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tina Groves, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
*Processional Hymn No. 195 "The Sun is on the Land and Sea"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession - (In Unison) - "O God, it is easier for us to call you Lord than it is to do what your Lordship requires. We enlist in your causes but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous but find ourselves giving in to fear. We want to be sensitive but find it easy to be hard. We fail to see and take advantage of the great opportunities surrounding us. Forgive us, our Father, take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Grant us this grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praise.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 191 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
BAPTIST Christopher Joseph Shearer - Son of
Mr. & Mrs. James Shearer

Scripture: John 14:15-21
Sermon: "THE PROMISE KEPT"
*Closing Hymn No. 176 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
*Benediction
Postlude
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Weichey in memory of "Parents"
The two new Living Ferns on the Chancel have been placed by Mr. Donna Miller in loving memory of his "Mother" Mrs. Dorothy Kaib Miller.
Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert Dellin, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Bob Dellen and Bob Tait will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will be at the door this morning to greet the Congregation and Visitors.
Nursery will be provided today by Karen Vansel and Lori Zavacky.
Hospitalized: Mr. Howard Bolam - West Penn Hospital.
MR. James Tidball and Mr. Wayne Fencil, Roy Andrews.
Tuesday - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is rented
Tuesday - 8 - Volleyball with Wm. Ohi.
Thurs. 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented.
Next Sunday - Sunday School will begin at 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship will continue to be at 11:00 A.M.
Choir Practice each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
There will be a short meeting of the Lay Life and Work Committee in front of the church this morning after the Service.
The attendance on May 11 was 221; on May 18 - 154.
June 8 - Recognition of Seniors - please let Bea know if you have someone graduating from College, Business School, or High School.
June 22 - Church in the Park 11:00 - There will also be Junior Church for children and Young people during the regular worship service. Family Picnic will follow the Service. Games and recreation will follow the Picnic in the afternoon.
Have a happy and safe Memorial day Weekend.
The Activity Committee will hold the Auction in October instead of June as planned - please save things till then

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Chapter: John 14:1-14

Text: John 14:1-14

Jesus was speaking to his disciples and giving to them some final words of comfort before his death. His purpose was to comfort them of something which would take place at a future date. He told them he would not leave them without a comfort in their lives. He gave them a promise and this promise was, "I go to my Father, and I will pray the Father and he will give you another comfort," vs 16-17.

Just what was this comfort? Jesus identifies it as the "spirit of truth", vs 17. But he is not and will not be known to the world because he is only for believers, vs 22b. And then Jesus promises he that he will be known in that, and will ~~be known~~, be alive in them, and will live in them, vs 19. This was the comfort. In the which the early church of the disciples lived on and then continued in the New Testament and which the Holy Spirit came down from the Father and dwelt in them. The Holy Spirit is the comfort which will dwell in people in their earthly journey, even though they are separated in time and space. And he comforted one of his disciples to give them this comfort. This is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. His promise that was the "I" and there is the promise to believe that this was a new word and it was the "I" of the Father who gave the Holy Spirit to the world.

One evening before this significant event, Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane and Jesus told them to pray for the angels to be sent to them. Amazingly, a small number of the disciples went to the garden and Jesus was alone. The Holy Spirit came down from the Father and dwelt in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. His promise that was the "I" and there is the promise to believe that this was a new word and it was the "I" of the Father who gave the Holy Spirit to the world.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Butler, Pennsylvania
 First Sunday After Pentecost June 1, 1980
 The Rev. Ralph C. Link
 Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
 Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
 Diane Zavacky, Tracy McMillin - Acolytes
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 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
 Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" Bach
 *Processional Hymn No. 4 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
 *Ascription
 *Choral Call to Worship
 *Exhortation
 *Confession (In Unison) "Most Merciful Father, like
 the prodigal we come before thee to confess that we
 have sinned and are no longer worthy to be called thy
 children. Against thee we have rebelled. Yet in our
 distant land thou through thy Spirit doth say to us,
 "Come home." By that same Spirit make us clean, that
 we may stand before thee once again to affirm our
 sonship, through Christ our Lord. Amen"
 *Kyrie
 *Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
 *Praise
 Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
 People: The Lord's name be praised.
 *Doxology 551
 Who's Who in the Pew
 Announcements
 Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
 Hymn No. 242 "Immortal Love, forever full"
 Call to Prayer
 Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: And with thy spirit.
 Pastor: Let us Pray
 Prayer and Prayer Response
 Offering
 Offertory
 Offertory Response No. 59 Verse No. 5 (Sung as a round)
 Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Dykes

Scripture: John 8:51-59
 Sermon: "Seeing is Believing"
 *Closing Hymn No. 272 "Love divine, all loves excellin'"
 *Benediction
 *Choral Benediction
 Postlude "Prelude in G Major" Bach
 + + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
 The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
 Ann Williams in memory of her "Husband" Woody.
 Serving as Ushers today are: *Charles Penar, Dan
 Bosko, Robert Knauer, Dave McMillin.
 Mr. & Mrs. William Thompson will greet the Congregation
 and Visitors at the door this morning.
 Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Mary Ellen
 Sanko and Wendy Stalker.
 Rob Vinroe and Don Kingsley will be visiting the
 Hospital this week.
 A Flower sheet will be passed this morning for those
 Sundays that have not been filled in yet. Please
 sign only the flower sheet today not the one in the
 Narthex.
 Monday - 7:30 - Follow-up Committee Meeting
 Wednesday - 7:30 - Council Meeting
 Thurs. - The Newsletter will be published - please have
 all material in by Wednesday.
 Saturday - The Youth Fellowships will be having a
 Car wash Saturday - June 7, at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M.
 in the alley behind the church.
 Next Sunday is Recognition of Seniors.
 Vacation Bible Schools starts June 16 thru 20 from
 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (All ages)
 Coming up June 22 Church in the Park - Family Picnic
 will follow - games and recreation in the afternoon.
 There will be Junior Church during the time of regular
 Church - while at the Park.
 Howdy Bolam would like to thank the Congregation for
 their Prayers and cards during his recent stay in the
 Hospital.
 Monday - June 2 - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle
 Meeting.
 If you have anyone graduating - please let Bea know
 before Friday.
 Hospitalized - Frank Meier,

Reading To Believers
vs 53-Who He is, as believed, says He was

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that Oswald is a character who is exactly what I am and collaborating on in the
writing of such a book. This meeting, I believe has been postponed and that
he would leave Kuntzman and the Father of a great nation, undoubtedly. He
was sitting in the presence of his father in his old age, but nothing had
taken place. But now all those three men have agreed that, he knew of a cer-
tainly that they were not just children men. They wanted out of us there and
to have that position there was something of a significant significance in your
country.

to which it bears little resemblance, (read 1111), and he uses the word "faint" twice. The answer was for (read 1111), "faint" faint. He said he was not sure that there is no misinterpretation of your terms and divisions in general. He was reminded of

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Recognition of Seniors June 8, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Paul Harbison, Youth Director, Asst.
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mrs. Ginger Harbison, Mr. Lloyd Link, Youth
Choir Directors
Dianne Zavacky and Tracy McMillin, Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in d minor" Bach
*Processional Hymn No. 290 "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Lord God, our Saviour, you have
been faithful in your promise to deliver us from the
guilt of our sins, and make us acceptable to you and your
kingdom. But too often I have not been faithful
in following my promise to obey your will, and I have
not loved my neighbors and enemies. I humbly ask
forgiveness, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen."
*Kyrle
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns and Prayer Requests.
Children's Moment (All Children please come forward
to the Chancel)
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray.
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Fantasia" Pachelbel

Anthem: "His Love"
Scripture: Joshua 24:14-28
Sermon: "THE GOOD SHIP SSS"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn No. 286 "Who is on the Lord's side?"
*Benediction
Postlude
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Burns in Honor of their 21st
Wedding Anniversary.
Serving as Ushers today are *Mary Lou Davis, Peg
Nazanuk, Gloria Walker and Dutch Bolam.
Pres. and Mrs. Robert Dellen will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door today.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cheryl Mager
and Tina Groves
Hospitalized: Frank Meier, James Tidball, Herman
Lippold and Bob Coleman.
Lloyd Link and Dave McMillin will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Our sincere congratulations to our Graduates:
Debbie McBride from Edinboro College; Barb Snow -
Assoc. Degree from Community College in Computer
Science; Nancy Link - Bradford Business School.
Rodger Davis from Knoch Senior High; Ronda Kradel -
from Karns City High School. From BSNS - Randy Dallen,
Scott Fencil, Pam Fry, Jodie Marte with an All A
Average, Butch Master, Lori Shearer, Jeff Snyder
and David Vensel.
Tonight - 7:00 - Property Committee Meeting.
Thurs. - 7:30 - Board of Christian Education meeting.
Preregistration in the back of the Church for VBS
which starts next week June 16-20 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.
REHOBOTH HALL is rented Tues AM from 10-11; Monday
evening from 6-8; Volleyball at 8:00 Tues.;
Aerobics from 6-8 Tues.; Thurs. from 6-9 Aerobics.
Remember 22 - Church in the Park and Church Family
Picnic - see details in Newsletter.
June 14 - Open Church Wedding - Karen Kennedy and
Lloyd Link - 5:00 P.M.

10/10/55, 10:15b, 24, 15

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There is a difference in the way that the "Good Old Fellows" and the
people speak of all good things like candy, and chocolate and the other things
all called good things. That is, all children & so on.

All children have
SYMPTOMS and MEN a real desire to see their children succeed, either to give
them all very best in life. If you would ask me of them what they want for
their children, the answer would be, "To have the best that I can possibly give
them." This is not only good, it is a real desire to have for them.

For the purpose of the year or more to come of their spending from school
and going on to other things. Some will continue their education in order to
be institutions of higher learning. Others will begin to work at jobs in pro-
duction for earning training in that field. In all cases it will lead to more
wealth and more education in one way or another. But the bad thing of our
School system is the fact that the other the idea is for them that it is
of spending for money in the end of education. Now the others the idea is that
a good many want to college will end education for them. The result of the
system is that the money, as they say, education will be very well
for the people. It is a good thing to have education. I believe that
all of us have that education that either we have in higher education,
or lower education, or perhaps the idea as called plain talk of knowledge, it
is a good thing to have along the way.

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(Effectiveness of women and children's protective services)

When the people of Israel related to Joshua that they were willing to serve him and obey his voice he read that Joshua said a covenant with them, (vs 23). But were there that he succeeded this movement in that he said all people would obey him, (vs 24-25). Some question that we could see recorded that fact before the end of this year. And then Joshua disclosed the people because he was now with revealing and instructing them at this point, (vs 26). But were there that the Israelites he said, 'Obeyed to his instructions.' This meant they also went to their homes and possessions. The word 'obeyed' here means that what they did was permitted. In 1877 an 1880 based census had been taken.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Third Sunday After Pentecost June 15, 1980
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Diane Zavacky, Tracy McMillin - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Prelude in d-minor" Rossini
*Processional Hymn No. 14 "Praise ye the Father"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "We offer unto thee our Father,
praise for the gift of thy Spirit. We ask for thy
Spirit at the times when we are filled with doubt; when
we are filled with hatred, when we are devoid of
patience; when we show forth selfishness. In all
circumstances which are contrary to thy will, send
thy Spirit to help, to heal, and may we know thy
forgiveness, through Christ, Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen 549
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 228 "Behold us, Lord"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
Offertory Response 508
Anthem "Sanctus" Schubert
Scripture: Mark 9:14-27

Sermon: "Have You Said It All?"

*Closing Hymn No. 282 "Faith of our fathers!"

*Benediction

Postlude "Voluntary in D"

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar to honor the marriage
of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd A. Link.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert
Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door today.

Nurses will be provided today by Mrs. Karen Hartley
and Valerie Hartley.

Hospital: Mr. Herman Lippold

Monday thru Friday - Vacation Bible School from 7-9.

Wed. 7:00 Choir rehearsal - Chancel Choir.

Sat. - Rehoboth Hall is rented.

Next Sunday - Church in the Park. There will be Jr.
Church during our regular morning worship Service.
The Church Family Picnic will follow. Everyone bring
your own table service. Bring enough turkeys for your
family. Everyone will eat together smorgasbord style.
Games and recreation in the afternoon.

William Ohl and Chuck Penar will be visiting the
Hospital this week.

Our Sincere Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Link
on their Wedding yesterday.

We have additional Hymnals that can be used for
Memorials coming in. If you would like to leave Bea a
note on Bea's desk telling how many you would like
and in memory of whom, we will be glad to take care
of it. A memorial plate will be put in each hymnal
with the memorial listed on it.

Lord, help us bring to mind each day
Past blessings that You've sent our way,
And may these blessings from above
E'er keep us mindful of your love.

Never let the burdens of today make you forget the bless-
ings of yesterday.

"Have You Said It All?"
 Scrip: 1k 9:14-27: Last: M 3:17b, 24, 27
 (1) 1st man: con 3 son I've said U've said it all;
 well, wen bren beer supos say all
 prease then depic 1st mal, hard work, hard play=he-man
 ventur say not so, Am mal has, fathr, worcum home
 t this afec outlk boys 3 men distort inat fathr
 (1stus litl boy 3 dad, 3 no do me and either)
 ben being show sur masculin 3 thus relinguish rol
 in family 3 also family 3: caus concern Anian Ch, mus
 reverse trend immediatly
 Js on 1st transfig 3 discip: cum dwn 2 othr 7 1 peop
 vs 17=man confront: want help 4 son: expl need, discip
 vs 19=Untyic Js anser, phys drain spirit experienc
 tired, ch no, not nothr only want can giv
 vs 21=boy anser torment evil spirita
 Js 22=man expl 3 Js 3 plead 4 help
 prob consul ber Dra, no hope: had concern but he brot
 him as boy 3 this wat ever fathr shud 3 do ex sun
 ever man shud 3 here 3 U may no want hear, but U
 men this come hav seling Jr responsibil 2 women
 then 1 wonder why hav probs: no aria women but G
 soverty ordain men 23 leaders families, Fam of God
 Until U wil tak stan, t-k rtful plac Ch out Miltor
 Near argu, complaint, but thos mak no wil 23 leaders
 No hav courag convict, 3 until get bakben wil hev pro
 hav pray 4ldrs, evn come nom, but unwill tak train
 MY: Beuz I bliev 3 jump up own intrest 3 wat U want
 (111us priz boy, 3rd son)
 This not exam man scrip sho, instad seek her help cu
 and get
 3 will say, Mastr, I hav brot un2 thee my son, dottr
 3 colp?
 3 want mak sur men knu wat about, so am faith
 Vs 24=anur fa th, but say ther doubtu, unbelief as wel
 He honest
 Can U imagin wat boy felt bout dad afterwards?
 (111us Malverron 3 son say, he had know God)
 Can our children say this bout us 2day? If no, why????
 peop shud 3 sh' say bout all us daily live; not weal-
 thiest, smartest, best dres etc-but 3e, she knos God
 Mus also spk 3s=He wil 2 help 3 do wat cud even tho
 tired, exhaust
 Vs 25=cal 4th evil spr: boy 1k dad-Vs 26: 3s lift-Vs 27
 Here sho compassion 3s had 4 all, esacel Children
 (111us girl: drowa get attention, no one vent)
 3a. U bin ther wat U do? 2busy, drink; eat; convers?
 3 honest: how many sho som needee no bring children?
 It prik come wen 1k this life, rite? I hop ever men
 fathr, hus, 3a; men resolv chan; over 1 chan 3 bring
 vB3 2giv 3s 3p this wk. I hop futur day all can say

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - JUNE 12, 1994

PRELUDE
 GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

MEETING JUNE 23, 7:00 PM JOANNE'S HOUSE
 IDEAS, PLANS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC - ALL ARE INVITED

JUNE 26, PAPER KRANT & PORK, OR PORK ONLY AFTER CHURCH
 DETAILS-???

GEORGE CANON HERE NEXT SUNDAY

*HYMN
 RESPONSIVE READING OF SCRIPTURE Jimmy - K10, 5m
 PRAYER/OFFERING
 *DOXOLOGY
 PASTORAL PRAYER
 TMM
 SCRIPTURE: MARK 9:14-29
 SERMON: "HAVE YOU SAID IT ALL?" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 6/15/80
 *HYMN
 *BENEDICTION
 *POSTLUDE

K... GCR FAMILY

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SA... J... R... H... EY

LA... 20

MA... 15

DIANE } TRAVEL
 JANE } TRAVEL

Master, I hav brot my son, 2 thea
" " " " " dotr " "
" " " " " wif/hus "
If U can say this, then U hav indeed sed it all.

SCRIP: MK 9:14-29; SERM: "HAV U SED IT ALL?"

(ILUS GIRL 2-3, PICTUR SANTA & SLEIGH & ANSR=SANTA,& BUDWEIER)
THIS INDICATIV WAT OUR CHILDREN LERN 2DAY

(ILUS BEER COM-WEN YOU'VE SED BLANK, YOU'VE SED IT ALL) *

WE LIV WIERD SOCIETY WEN IF YOU HAV NAMD CERT BEER, YOU HAV SUP-
POSEDLY SED ALL THER IS TO SAY

PRESENT TREND IS 2DEPIC AM. MALE AS B STRONG, ACTIV, PARTICIPAT
OUTDOORMAN, PLAYS HARD & WORKS UP THIRST, & SLAKS SAME W/CERT BI
BEER/POP & THEN CAN HAV EASE & REST COMPLETELY

I WUD VENTUR 2SAY THIS NO DEPIC AVG AM. MALE, & TH/AVG AM MALE
WORKS HARD AT REG JOB & CUMS HOME 2WIF & FAMILY

I BLIEV TH/IMAG PROJEC AS AVG MALE IS & HAS DUN GREVE HARM
2MANY OF PRESEN DAY MALES & IS SHAPING WAT FUTUR MALES, NOW

BOYS WILL BE

IT IS SUMWAT LIK LITTL BOY WHO WAS PICTUR ED AS FITE SUNDAY FITE
OF NO WANT GO 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL:

(ILUS BOY, SIT DAD'S KNEE & ASK=DAD, DID U GO 2 SS WEN BOY LIV ME:
SURE DID SON! NEVR MISSED A SUNDAY!

THER MOM, U SEE, IT WONT DO ME ANY GUD EITHER)

SS & CH 2DAY DEPIC AS SISSY STUF & NO SELF-RESPEC MAN DO IT
ANYTH TAKS AWAY FR/HE-MAN IMAG IS 2B AVOIDED

AS RESULT, MAN HAS RELINQ ROLE AT HOME/FAMILY, & CH-TH/FAMILY OF G
JS ON MT W/3DISCIPS, RETURN & FIND LRG CROWD

VS 15=GREET HIM

VS 16=JS ASK WAT HAPPN HERE??

VS 17=MAN ANSRS WAT HAPPN CAUS CROWD, & REASN BRING SON

VS 18=SYMPTOMS OF HIS ILLNESS

VS 19=UNTYPICAL ANSR OF JS =O NO, NOT NOTER ONE ONLY WANT WAT I
CAN GIV - THIS AFTR MT TOP EXPR-SP UPLIFT, ETC.

VS 20=JS SEES 1ST HAND WAT PROB W/BOY IS

VS 21A=JS ASK TYD QUESTIN, CONCERN, COMPASIN

VS 21B=22=FATHER ANSRS

ALL F WANT 4SON IS HELP-PERHAP TOLD TTM aftr tim=NO HOPE 4HIM

BUT REPD OF JS & WAT HE DID & LK 2HIM AS LAS HOPE

BROT SON TO JS-EXAMP 4ALL MALES-BRING CHILDREN 2 GOD

VS 23=JS TESTS TH/MAN'S FAITH

VS 24=HIS HONEST ANSR - MATCHES WAT WE READ IN VS 17B

VS 25=JS HEALED TH/BOY & HE TUK BY HAND, LFTD UP, HE ARCSE

HE WAS NOW 4PLTYM & NORMAL 4FIRST TIME HIS LIF

CAN U IMAGIN HOW THAT BOY FELT BOUT F AFTR UNRSTUD IT ALL?

CAN U PICTUR WAT HE MUS HAV REALIZ EFFORTS F EXPEND HIS BHALF??

(ILUS HALVERSON & SON SAY "MY DAD KNOWS GOD")

CAN OUR CHILDREN/FAMILY SAY THAT BOUT US 2DAY??

THIS STORY ALSO SHO LUV/COMPASIN JS HAD 4CHILDREN

(ILLUSTRATION OF LITTLE GIRL NOBODY LOVED, DROWNED IN POOL)

WAT WUD U HAV DUN? WUD U HAV BIN 2BUSY W/CONV, EAT, ENJOY?

JS FND TIME 2HELP PROB BCUZ TOUCHD BY WORDS OF F=VS 17B

THIS WE ALL NEED 2SAY-I HAV BROCT UNTO THEE MY SON/DOTR, OTHERS

IF WE CAN SAY THIS, WE HAV INDEED SED IT ALL

"Have You Said It All?"

Scripture: Mark 9:

Text: Mark 9:17b, 24

(Illustration of beer commercial and "When You've said _____, You've Said It All". (Perhaps use pop can covered over as example)

We certainly live in a wierd society when the mere mention of a certain brand of beer supposedly says all there is to say. If you have ever watched the present trend of commercials it depicts the American male as being a strong, active, participating outdoorsman who plays hard and works up a thirst to be slaked by certain brands of beer, or wine, or pop, and taking care of this aroused thirst comforts and eases and relaxes completely. I would venture to say that this is not a complete representation of the average American male. Instead, I would picture the average American male as being one who works at some job ot trade and comes home in the evening to a wife and family. But I would also believe that we need to look at this average individual more closely. I feel very strongly that this particular image being put forth by the advertising industry is doing grave harm to many of the present day adult males, but to the future males now in the process of growing up. It is somewhat like the little boy who ~~xxxxxxx~~ was fighting his usual fight on Sunday morning about going to Sunday School. He asked his father, "Dad, did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy like me?" His father answered, "Sure did son, I never missed a Sunday." "There Mom, don't you see, it won't do me any good either." The present day image being put forth for men and father's is one of showing the supposed masculinity needed to be a winner today. It doesn't depict a fatherly image of being the husband and father males are supposed to be. Anything which takes away from the he-man image is to be avoided. As a result the American male has relinquished his role in the family, and also within the family of God. This is causing dire concern within the Christian Church today and we need to reverse the trend immediately.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Jesus had been on the mountaintop with three of His disciples where the transfiguration took place. As He returned to where the

At this point, Mark records a very untypical answer ~~of~~ by Jesus, (vs 19). But we need to understand that He never had any real peace, because He was always in demand for what help He could give. He had just returned from what was probably a physically draining spiritual experience and He was tired. Thus, He could only think and feel, "Oh no, not another one only wanting me for what I can give or do."

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The man knew his son needed help and perhaps he had consulted the best doctors around and all of them said the same thing. "There is no hope for your son." But he heard of Jesus and what He was doing in different parts of the country. He was perfectly willing to seek this help for his child. This man not only was a father who had a concern for his son, but he brought him while he was still a boy. This is what every father should be doing every Sunday of the year. Every father of this congregation should be here in attendance with the whole family every Sunday. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ In fact, every man who is a member of this congregation should be here when the doors open every week. You may not wake to hear this, but it is the truth. You men here have relinquished your responsibility and turned it over to the women and then you wonder why we have the problems we do. I am not against the women of this church or women in any church. But God in His sovereign wisdom ordained that men were to be the leaders.

of their families and of the family of God. Until you are willing to stand up and take your rightful place in His scheme of things, then the church is going to be out of kilter. I hear all kinds of arguments and complaints about what needs to be done around here. But when we seek for those making the complaints to stand up and be the leader, they will not do so and back down. They do not have the courage of their convictions and until they get the backbone they need we will continue to have problems. I have prayed many times and continue to pray for men of conviction to step forth to lead and guide. But even when the congregation places their confidence in some of you men by nominating you for the office of elder or deacon, you refuse to take the short training to make you ~~and~~ effective elder or deacon for the Lord. Why? Because I must believe you are too wrapped up in your interests and what you want to do rather than what God wants you to do.

(Illustration of prize winning hog and poor example of son)

This is not the example the man in our Scripture was setting. Instead, he was seeking the very best for his son and going where he could get that help. Are you willing to say today, "Master, I have brought unto thee my son; or my daughter; ~~xx~~ for help?"

Jesus wanted to make sure this man knew what he was about. So he asked him about his faith. The man assured Jesus that he believed, (vs 24), but he also admitted that there was some unbelief in his life as well. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ At least he was honest. But can you imagine how that boy felt about his father afterwards when he realized the efforts his father expended on his behalf?

(Illustration of Halverson and son saying, "My Dad knows God").

Can our children say that about us today? And if they can't, why not? This is something people no matter who they are should be able to speak of about the lives we live. They may not be able to say we are the smartest, or the wealthiest, or the best dressed and so on. But they should be able to say, "he or she knows God."

But we must also speak at this point of Jesus. We know the man must have loved his son very dearly to strive to get him healed. We also know he was a man of

Had you been there, what would you have done? Would you have been too busy with your drinks, or food, or conversation to be bothered by a lonely little girl? Be honest! How many of you have ~~be~~ shown the same neglect because you haven't had a burden to bring your own children here, much less worry about a stranger? It sort of pricks our consciences when we look at it in this light doesn't it. I hope that every man, every father, ~~here this morning will look at~~ every husband, every young man will look at your life and resolve to change your attitudes and thinking from what they have been. I hope that everyone here will resolve to bring and get the boys and girls here this week as we strive to impart to them the message of Jesus Christ in our Vacation Bible School. I hope that in future days, all of us can say, "Master, I have brought my son to thee, "Master, I have brought my daughter to thee." Master, I have brought my wife, or my husband to thee." If you can say this, then you have indeed, "said it all."

"The Kneedy Servant"
 Scrip: Ex 33:1-11; Text: Ex. 33:11b
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 v 2-signif change angel 2 lead
 vs 3-land gud bt than as promis
 vs 3b-beuz action, attitude G no go B4 as in past
 vs 4-peop reliz sin by uncomf words
 vs 5-land bin tol tar off ornaments stand undorn B4 him
 vs 6-obey
 vs 7a-Mos has tent next remov from camp; this wat was,
 & tab cam later; this tent congres
 vs 7b-wen any? wish seek: mus to our camp 2 tent
 signif a remov self from mids stub peop
 vs 8a-Mos go 2 tent freq & peop watch as go 2 God
 lik litt children watch parents
 vs 9-cloudy pillar & how 2 speak Mos
 vs 10-wen peop 2 this they worship at tents
 vs 11a-complain G and howe speak face to face
 vs 11b-Jo has no lv tent of Meeting; no tol wat do,
 but Bliev pray
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 mos 2 sh expoe them; no onry 2 say "No"
 we shud expect result?
 (illus boy pray bout snakes & missionary saved)
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 p. opr spirit, attitude & giv results
 (illus boy 2 come unit play on benchr whil pray)
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Butler, Pennsylvania
 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 1990
 Church in the Park
 The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Mr. Paul Harbison, Liturgist
 Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
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 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
 Prelude Hymn Medley
 *Ascription
 *Hymn No. 11 Page 6, Old Favorite Hymns
 *Call to Worship:
 Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
 in the city of our God.
 People: I was glad when they said unto me,
 Let us go into the house of the Lord.
 All: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house
 they will still be praising Thee.
 *Invocation
 Hymn No. 31 Page 17, Old Favorite Hymns
 Morning Prayers
 Announcements
 Offering
 Offertory
 Offertory Response 508
 *Scripture Exodus 33: 1-11
 *Sermon: "THE KNEEDY SERVANT"
 *Prayer and Lord's Prayer
 *Hymn No. 33 Page 18, Old Favorite Hymns
 *Benediction
 *Postlude "Festival in C major" Handel
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 Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel,
 Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.
 Bea Tait and Karen Kennedy will be visiting the
 Hospital this week.
 Rehoboth Hall will be rented - Monday from 6-8 P.M.,
 Tues. from 10:00 A.M.; Tues. 6-8 P.M.; Volleyball
 at 8:00 with Bill Ohl; Thurs. 6-9 P.M. Aerobics.

"The Kneedy Servant"

Scripture: Exodus 33:1-11

Text: Exodus 33:11b

The people of Israel had made a golden calf, an idol and had worshiped it while Moses was on the mountain speaking with God. ~~xxxxxxxwhichxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ Our Scripture in this 33rd chapter of Exodus brings us to the place where the people are in a state of confusion. They had been on their particular tangent of doing their own thing and had once again been caught at it. They were feeling shame, remorse, and a sense of being at odds with God, not quite knowing what to expect from Him now that they had turned to idol worship. God speaks to Moses and says, (vs 1), in other words they are to press on in their journey. But there is a significant change which is going to take place. That change involves an angel of the Lord to lead them, (vs 2). The land they are going to is a land filled with all of the good things God has promised to them before, (vs 3a). But because of their actions and attitudes, (vs 3b), God will not go before them as He had in the past.

At these particular ~~xxxxxxof~~ uncomfortable words the people realized their sin and would not adorn themselves to stand before God, (vs 4). This came about because God had told Moses to command them to stand unadorned before Him, lest His anger would cause Him to slay them, (vs 5).

So it is they obeyed, (vs 6). Then Moses has the Tabernacle, or the Tent removed from in the midst of the camp, (vs 7a). This Tabernacle should really be called, "The Tent of Meeting." It was an earlier and simpler form of the Tabernacle which later came into being. This particular Tent was now called the tent of the congregation because as we read in the latter part of the 7th verse anyone who wished to seek the Lord went out to the Tent, and had to go outside the camp, (vs 7b). This signified that God had removed Himself from within the midst of these stubborn and self-seeking people.

Moses went out to the Tent frequently to speak with God and when he did the people watched him enter the Tent to speak with God, (vs 8). It was much like little children, knowing they had disobeyed and looking and watching the movements of their parents to determine the extent of further punishment.

But when Moses entered the Tent the cloudy pillar descended and this is how God spoke to Moses, through the ~~gix~~ pillar, (vs 9). When the people witnessed this they stood at the entrances to their tents and worshiped God, (vs 10).

We are told here, (vs 11a), that God spoke to Moses face to face. But we need to know that the cloudy pillar separated Moses from seeing God's face. God had said it was forbidden to look upon Him directly. So Moses was able to speak face to face with God, but God's face was covered by the cloudy pillar.

When Moses returned to the camp we are told that in all this time his servant Joshua ~~xxx~~ did not depart out of the tent, (vs 11b). This meant that he stayed in the Tent of Meeting, and not just Joshua's regular tent. We are not told what he was doing in the tent but we can rest assured that he was spending this time in prayer. From what we learn about him in his later life we can be certain that his time in the Tent of Meeting was spent in communion with God. I believe that he was praying for several reasons. The first being the he had TIME to pray.

(Illustration of woman and cook who was "too busy")

Joshua was a man who took time to listen to God. He listened to what God had to say to Him, and he listened by doing what God wanted done. Too often we are too busy telling God what needs to be done to hear Him say anything to us. We learned part of this this past week in our Adult class. We need to begin our day by asking God what He wants us to do that particular day and get His directions, rather than just doing what we feel needs to be done. There is a vast difference between doing ~~xxxx~~ what God wants and what we want. Our desire should always be to glorify God in what we are about. This may mean just simple ordinary everyday tasks. But God is present in the smallest detail, as well as being in the large ones.

Then I believe that Joshua prayed because he expected results. He didn't pray and then say, "I hope God hears me and does something about what I ask for." He prayed, and expected results. And so should we.

(Illustration of little boy praying about snakes and missionary spared).

If we have a specific need we must express this to God and if it is in accordance with God's will He will grant it. Just this past week in our class we were told of specific request from God for some additional milk for children, and God answered that prayer with what? Butter? Eggs? Sandwiches? No! It was milk! Milk was what was prayed for, and it was milk that was given.

But we must also be striving to place ourselves in the proper spirit and attitude to expect results from God.

(Illustration of boy praying and correcting a trick on his brother)

We adults can take some definite notes on this. How many of us completely forgive and forget things people do to us which cause hurt and pain? We remember and savor every little detail and we can repeat these stories over and over without changing one little word. God wants us to do as He does and that is to forgive and forget. How many times do we pray and our prayers are not answered because we are not right with a friend or a relative? We need to correct this and then we can ~~make~~ not only request things from God, but we will see the results.

But Joshua not only took time to pray, and then pray and expect results, but he knew the need to pray. Prayer is what is needed in the life of every Christian. But how much time does the average person spend in prayer? Most people are doing well if they spend five minutes a day in prayer. That includes the prayer mumbled at meal time and any other prayer offered in that day. Someone wrote of the passing of an old world famous member of the Church family.

(Illustration of death of Mrs. Prayer Meeting)

Isn't it true that we can say that about most congregations today? We don't have time we say. We have too many other things to do we say. We must attend all of the other functions to which we belong. Yet if we examine these organizations in the light of day, we find that almost all of them do nothing to glorify God. They glorify us and put us in the limelight of publicity, and give us recognition in society. We spend so many countless hours in fruitless pursuits which will lead us to nothing and give us nothing once this life is over. Someone has said, "One life, twill soon be past. Only that which is done for

Christ will last." Isn't it sad that we live in a world that is crumbling all around us and all we seek is that which will entertain and amuse and we don't have time to spend before the Lord in prayer? It is strange when we make this comparison and place our lives parallel to ~~the~~ the life of Joshua. We read, ~~But his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle.~~ "But his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle." Would to God that each of us would become so dedicated to praying to Almighty God. We need to ask God to make us the, "Kneedy Servant" that Joshua was. What are you doing for Christ in your life, that will last for all eternity? Let us each resolve to draw closer to God and make prayer a very vital part of each of our days which He gives us to live.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Butler, Pennsylvania
 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost June 29, 1980
 The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
 Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
 Mike Wachsmuth, Amy Vargo - Acolytes
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 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
 *Processional Hymn No. 43 "When morning gilds the skies"
 *Ascription
 *Exhortation
 *Confession (In Unison) "O God, the Creator and Preserver
 of all mankind, we implore thy mercy in behalf of all
 classes and conditions of men, that it may please thee
 to visit them with thy most compassionate help, according
 to their manifold necessities and wants. Especially
 do we beseech thee to have pity upon all widows and
 orphans; upon all prisoners and captives; upon all
 sick and dying persons; upon all such as are persecuted
 for righteousness' sake. Enable them to look unto thee,
 O most merciful Father, and to call upon thy Name,
 that they may find thee a present Saviour in their
 affliction and distress. And let it please thee to
 deliver them, and raise them up, in due time, giving them
 patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of
 thy grace here below, and eternal rest with thee in
 heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen"
 *Kyrie
 *Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
 *Praise
 Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
 People: The Lord's name be praised.
 *Doxology 551
 Who's Who in the Pew
 Announcements
 Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
 Hymn No. 212 "Jesus We are Far Away"
 Call to Prayer
 Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.
 Pastor: Let us Pray
 Prayer and Prayer Response
 Offering
 Offertory
 Scripture: Numbers 21: 1-4
 Sermon: "Weigh The Way"
 *Closing Hymn No. 380 "O Zion, haste, thy mission"
 *Benediction
 Postlude
 + + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
 The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward R. McCormick in memory of Mr. & Mrs.
 Raymond W. Covert (Daisy and Raymond) and Mr. Arthur
 J. Covert.
 Serving as Ushers today are *Alvin Tait, Mike Nazaruk,
 Gottlob Kradel, Roy Andrews and Jams McClymonds.
 Elder - Mrs. Mid Diefendorfer will be at the door this
 morning to greet the Congregation and Visitors.
 Bruce McBride and Roy Andrews will be visiting the
 Hospital this week.
 Mon - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall will be rented
 Tues. - 10:00 A.M. - Hall is rented
 Tues. - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is rented; 8:00 = Volleyball
 Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting
 Thurs. - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented.
 Please have all material in for Newsletter by Wednesday.
 Mr. Prugh Harnish (88 yrs. of age) was here visiting.
 the Church this week. He is the son of Rev. Harnish
 who was here at this church from 1886-1913. He was
 the second person to ever play the organ. He was so
 thrilled to see the new Bldg. and the Church. He wanted
 to be remembered to the Women's Mary Prugh Circle.
 He is now living in California.
 We have additional Hymnals that can be used for Memorials
 or if you would just like to purchase one with your
 name in it. They will be coming in soon. The price
 is \$5.25 and a donation plaque will be put in each
 book.
 There are additional Daily Bread Booklets in the Narthex
 please pick one up and use it,
 Hospitalized: Herman Lippold, Amber Schmittlein.

"Weigh The Way"

Scrip: Num 21:1-5; Text: Num 21:4b

(1. s oriental potentat d~~x~~ & lv 2 slav, 4 sons)
How oft tru so many? Hav evr mad choic aftr lon pond
& discover, wrong choic?

Bib spk this oft & giv illus we shud considr/choic
Exeg: Aaron dy & peop start agin; meet Canites, King,
ask G 4 help & defeat; call plac Hormah=Destruct
Tol by G no disturb Ed, Moab, Amon, & this caus roundb
vs 4a=Go roun Edom

vs 4b=discourag path, route & primitiv condits
also mean path of life: delivr from Egypt & slav
2 Pharaohs & want free, got it, made vow 2 G

Yet here compl & unhappy Bcuz+WAY;
made choic & decid not worth it

Men in Egy. Weigh The Way & determ wud follo

But aftr out own worl=hardship, work, hard living
Reality set in & not all as pictured it
(Illus well known movie producer & escape reality)
This quest much worl on 2day; easier escap realty
than 2 face it

This Bhin headlong dash amus, entertain, from movies
2 danzing, 2 drugs & means 2 dull mind & senses

Thez shut out worl, but can only do 4 short time

Bcuz worl cum bak & mus face it, lik it or not

Js Xp cam in 2 worl times lik ours: corruptgovt; taxes;
inflation no buy

I spok "NEW WAY" & peop eagr acpt means overcum lif
Wac choic offr peop?

Mt 7:13-14=Road wide & ful spirtual potholes

othr choic narow & mus B sought 2B found

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(Illus Napoleon & bugler no know retreat)

Js no advocat retreat eithr; mesag positiv & 2 CHARGE

But also pt out narrow way thru Him

Jn 14:1-3=prep a plac 4 them

vs 4=say know way & Thomas question vs 5

vs 6=His narro way, His way 2B serch 4

But wen hav chanc 2 Weigh Way worldly lk better

It easier & less resistanc

2 walk way G want tak courag & set us apart from
run of mill peop around us

(Illus Sir Thomas Moore & Courage)

Do we hav courag follo Xp way set b4 us? Or aftr

Weigh Way act lik Isites & cud B sed us=vs 4b?

7 G giv us courag insted 2 pik narrow way Js set

us

"Weigh The Way"

Scripture: Numbers 21:1-5

Text: Numbers 21:4b

(Illustration of old oriental legend, Potentate dies, four sons make choices of the kingdom. All had been left to a slave)

How often this is so true of so many people. Perhaps we may see ourselves in this situation. Have you ever made a choice after pondering it for a long time, only to discover that it seemed to be a very wrong choice? The Bible speaks to us in many instances of these choices and gives us good illustrations to consider as we make choices.

Our Scripture for this morning concerns one of these choices. Aaron had died at the age of 123 and the people of Israel were once again on the march. But as they journeyed, they encountered not only the Canaanites, but their king as well. The people sought the guidance of the Lord in this fight and it was granted to the extent that they named ~~xxx~~ that place, "Mormah," which literally meant "Destruction." But as they continued their journey they had to go out of their way so as not to disturb the Edomites. God had commanded Moses not to disturb or bother the Edomites, The Ammonites, and the Moabites. This meant that in order not to do this they had to make a roundabout journey so they did not cross or violate their territory.

So we read, "And they journeyed from Mt. Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom." That meant to go around it. "And the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." This meant in one sense that they were fed up with the traveling and with all of the other primitive conditions they had to put up with.

So they made their usual complaints to Moses, (verse 5). They picked out the Manna as the one thing they detested the most. But all in all if they didn't have the Manna to complain about it would have been something else.

As we look at this portion of Scripture we need to understand that the word, "Way," had several meanings at this point in time. It meant for one thing the literal path or route they were taking. For another it meant the path as a way of life. But what makes it significant for them and for us for that matter

is that they chose this route. They had been delivered from Egypt and from being slaves to the Pharoahs. They wanted freedom and they got it. They vowed they would follow God's leading and made a covenant with Him to this effect. Yet, here they were once again, complaining and unhappy "Because of the way." Because of a choice they freely made, they were now deciding it really wasn't worth it.

But when they were in Egypt and had a chance ~~to~~ to weigh the situation they had decided this was the Way to go. They had "Weighed The Way," and determined they would follow it. But after they were out on their own in the world of ~~reality~~ continued hardship, hard work and hard living, reality set in and they realized all was not as they had perhaps pictured it.

(Illustration of well known movie producer and escape from reality)

This is the quest a goodly portion of our world is on today. It is easier to strive to escape from reality than it is to face it. This is what is behind the headlong dash for fun and amusement from movies, to dancing, to drugs and artificial means to dull the mind and the senses. All of these devices help to shut out the world of reality. But it cannot shut it out completely because we are constantly being brought back to the reality that life goes on and we are a part of it, like it or not.

Jesus Christ came into the world at a time which had many of the parallels we have today. The ruling governments, both local and foreign were corrupt and in need of a complete housecleaning. Taxes were at an all time high. People were unable to purchase what was needed for survival. Thus it was that He was listened to when He spoke of a "New Way." People were eager to seek another means of overcoming their difficulties.

What choice was He offering which tempted the people? In Matthew 7:13-14, he said, (Read this). He was offering them a choice of a road wide and full of spiritual pot-holes. The other choice was a narrow way which had to be sought in order to be found. He was challenging them to a life of just drifting down the world's highway or of seeking an escape from reality.

(Illustration Napoleon and bugler who didn't know retreat)

Jesus didn't advocate retreat either. His message was one which was positive.

challenged anyone ~~xxxxxx~~ who was sincere to "Charge."

But He also pointed out that this narrow way was to be walked through Him. In John 14:1-3 He had just told His disciples about going to prepare a place for them and in vs 4 He says, (Read this). Thomas, the typical doubter which he was asked Him, (vs 5). The answer Jesus gave left no doubt in any of their minds that He was the pathway. His was the narrow way. His was the way which had to be searched for.

But when we have the chance to "Weigh The Way," too often the worldly way is the one which we choose. It is easier and has less resistance. To try to walk the Way God wants us to walk takes a good deal of courage and sets us apart from the run of the mill people around us. Sir Thomas Moore of England had to make this choice.

(Illustration of Sir Thomas Moore and Duke of Norfolk, his wife, & biographer)

Do we have the courage to follow the Way Christ sets before us? Or ~~xxxxxx~~ after we have had a chance to "Weigh The Way," act like the Israelites and it could be said of us, "And the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way? May God give us the courage instead, to pick the Narrow Way Jesus sets before us.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 6, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Danny Mangel and Brian Heilefreund - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
*Hymn No. 440 "God of our fathers"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father Almighty, we come to you asking for help. Our lives reflect the lack of light in them by the very gloom around us. We are filled with anxiety, pessimism and doubt. We look to other humans for hope and fulfillment. We seek joy in all manner of things, but find no joy. We are filled with a sense of need and yet, are not ready to seek help from beyond ourselves. Help us to know that we are each sinful, and our need is always you. Forgive us, and grant your love now and always. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 441 "My country, 'tis of thee"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering

Offertory
Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 11-20
Sermon: "CLEARING THE MUD"
*Closing Hymn No. 442 "Not alone for mighty empire"
*Benediction
Postlude
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by The Nohach Family in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are *Charles Penar, Dan Bosko, Robert Knauer and Dave McMillin.
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cyndy McWilliams.
The attendance for last Sunday was 162.
*Hospitalized: Mrs. Margaret Bauer
Mrs. L. J. Kradel, D. J. Kradel
Harry Burns and Harry Fry will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Monday and Tues Evenings 6-8 Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall. Tuesday morning 10:00 - Aerobics
Tues. 8 - Volleyball with Bill Ohl
Thurs. 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.
We have additional hymnals (about half of them have been sold or used for Memorials. If you wish to have one with your name in it please sign up in on the Secretary's desk.
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DEAR GOD Please help me to make this one perfect day,
By helping somebody in some kind way.
Perhaps just a smile or a kindly deed,
Will be just the help that someone will need.
Give me the strength each problem to face,
With courage and honesty, fairness and grace.
When decisions I make, may they always be wise.
The efforts of others, let me not criticize.
If the blue sky with clouds is o'er cast,
Please help me remember the darkness won't last.
Life needs some of happiness, sorrow and pain,
To make it fulfilled, just as roses need rain.
Each day and it's efforts will truly be blest,
If I can honestly say, I have given my best.

"Clearing The Mud"

Script: Deut 30:11-20; Text: Deut 30:11-14

(Ill' s granfathr hear aid & chang wil 3 times)

Mos 10p with hear probs want 2hear & do wat can 2 do
part human natur hear only wat want & mean Bcum selec
in hear & wat shud hear, no want; but hear all othrs
Isa 6:9-12 READ THIS; he tol 2proph until deppot 2

Babylon even tho wud not listen

This was old story 4peop of Is. & prob wen herd
proph say=Thus seth Lord=No hum, now wat big revel of
doom all about?

Lk upon G's spokemen as gloom & doom, but no realiz
delib shut out G's Word & only hear fals prophs speal
utopia come into midst

Mos giv Law 2peop; contain bless & curses

vs 10=Hear & obey & liv; or=No hear, disobey & die

Speak spiritl deth not physicl & thez peop lern

vs 11=plain & simpl, no hidden from them

vs 12-13=illus 2impres upon them G's Word not sumthin
mus travl 2get, or serch 4 long & hard 2find

vs 14=G's Word B spokn 2them, red 2 them, so they can
hear & know it

But also B impres upon harts so wud liv it

But here grp peop now free; 1nce slaves, now free

part that freedom, cud do as pleas & no anser, evn 2 G

Exert Free Choice, or Free Will

This alway land peop hot watr

(Illus wat Made America Great)

Wondr if abl 2day 2 cum 2 America's churches wat

think of ded & dy embrs of 4mer flames com her pulpit

U C we R free; we can choos wat want & wat Bliev

If conflic G's Word, we choos wat man say on subjec

Aft'r all we closr 2scene than G & so mus hav Free Will
or Free Choic

Examps of histry evident 4 all 2C, & civilization is

bilt upon ashes 4mer grt nations who surender free-

doms litl by litl Bcuz peop & ldrs no hear messag

(Illus Theodore Roosevelt & Americanism)

We can C this society 2day:

INFLATION: bilt Bcuz many peop want lrg return invest

Con Ed & 3 Mile Island: used 2B prof & loss=profit

FEACE: Seek treaties Russains any cost, disarm us

Sfty 1ST: draft & UCC: this treason; is it sav self &

a 2 Canada, or defend agin intrudrs, mos import?

Wen analyz nation 2day & C wher head, cannot help but

C we hed direction other 4mer world powers

(I us prof Typer & mesag 200 yrs ago)

interesting isn't it? But can stop trend by turn 2 Lor

B4 2 late

This wat Mos warn peop about, but they no listen
furthrmor no want 2 hear
So clos mind & harts & ears and much wat G prom's
cum tru up 2 present time
Deut 28:68=after fal Jeru 70 AD slav markts Egypt
so glut isites not enuf buyrs 4 them all
(Illus Jack Levin & Jewish Tailor Squirrel Hill)
Deut 28:62-68=Exegete & explain
Thes wer messags 4 Jews Bcuz they G's Covenant peop
Bcuz disobd sattr throught world until G's timtabl
they redeem agin
But 4us, a nation bles by G need 2 hear warning agin
U&I need 2B peop of Book agin
BOOK=G's Word, The Bible
We shud B using it & dr, wing closr 2 God in all ways
If all peop who claim 2B called by G's Name wud Bgin
2do so, we wud C the revivl Bgin 2 tak plac that is
needed in our nation
Let us, U & I here highly resolv 2 do so starting ~~xit~~
right this moment.
Let us resolv 2B G's peopl

"Clearing The Mud"

Scripture: ~~Deuteronomy~~ Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Text: Deuteronomy 30:11-14

(Illustration of grandfather & hearing aid, changing will 3 times)

Most people who have hearing problems want to hear and do all they possibly can to do so. But I am sure we are aware that a part of human nature is to only hear what we want to hear. It means that we become selective in our hearing and quite often what we should hear we do not want to hear, and what doesn't make much difference whether we hear it or not, that is what we hear. God spoke to the prophet Isaiah in the ^{6th} ~~5th~~ chapter of that prophecy and this is what God wanted him to prophesy, (read verses 9-12). He was told to prophesy until the people were deported to Babylon even though they would not listen.

But this was an old story for the people of Israel. Probably when they heard a prophet begin to speak, "Thus saith the Lord," they said, "Ho hum, now what is this big revelation of doom all about?" They probably looked upon each of God's spokesmen as those who could tell nothing but gloom and doom. But they didn't realize that they were deliberately shutting out God's Word and only hearing the false prophets speaking of utopia coming into their midst.

Moses was giving the Law to the people. In it were contained blessings and curses. Moses gave them the warning about all of these things. Listen to what he said in the first 10 verse of this chapter. The warning is there, "Hear and obey, ~~then~~ and live," or, "Do not hear, disobey and die." He was speaking of the spiritual death which is worse than the actual physical death, and these people of Israel learned this lesson dearly.

He goes on to tell them, (verse 11), and this means that it is plain and simple and not hidden from them. He explains, (verses 12 and 13), and he is using these illustrations to impress upon them that God's Word is not something they must travel to get, or search long and hard to find.

His conclusion to them so that all of them can understand is, (verse 14).

This meant simply that God's Word was being spoken to them and read to them so they could hear it and know it. But more than that it was being impressed upon their hearts so they would live it. But here was a group of people who were now free. Once they were slaves, now they were free. A part of that freedom to them meant ~~that~~ that they could do as they pleased and didn't have to answer to anyone, even God. They started to exert their so called, "Free choice," or, "Free Will." This has always landed free people in hot water. The French statesman Alexis de Tocqueville striving to understand America's greatness in the 19th century wrote the following:

(Read What Made America Great).

I wonder what that man would say today if he were able to enter many of America's churches and seen the dead and dying embers of former flames coming from her pulpits. But you see we are free. We can choose what we want to believe and if it contradicts the Bible or God's Word, we select what man has to say on the subject. After all, we are closer to this scene than God ever will be. And so we reason away that we must have our Free Will, or Free Choice. The examples of history are all too evident for us to ~~xxxx~~ look at and see. Civilization is built upon the ashes of former great nations and powers who surrendered their freedoms little by little because ~~they~~ the people and the leaders would not hear the message for survival.

(Illustration of Theodore Roosevelt and Americanism)

We can see all of this in our society today. A goodly part of our inflation is caused because too many people want very large returns on their investments at the expense of the poor who can ill afford to pay the price. The investment in stocks and bonds is a good example. It used to be at a risk, but today no one wants to accept a risk, it must be guaranteed profit.

Our nation seeks to have peace at any price with those who do not want peace now or ever. What they want is the collapse of our form of government and when that happens they can float and say, "See, Democracy cannot work in a world like ours." And so our president blindly seeks to sign treaties with the Russians which will disarm us and strengthen them.

We see the safety first instead of duty first in evidence in the hubbub over the draft. I don't like the draft anymore than anyone else. But if it means it is necessary to preserve our freedom, then we must make the sacrifice for it. But when I say this I am automatically at odds with the quote, "United Church of Christ." Just recently I received a letter from the president of our Denomination requesting me and all U.C.C. pastors to counsel our young men in ways and means of avoiding the draft. To me this is treason. Is it the saving of our individual necks by fleeing to Canada or someplace else that is important? Or is it more important to protect our nation from intruders whoever they may be?

When we analyse what America was and what it is today we cannot help but see that we are headed in the direction of all former world powers. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxx~~

(Illustration of professor Tyler and what he wrote 200 years ago)

It's interesting isn't it? But we can stop this trend by turning to the Lord again before it is too late. This is what Moses was warning the people about, but they wouldn't listen and furthermore, they didn't want to hear. So they closed their hearts and their ears and much of what God promised came true with in the past 30 or 40 years.

(Illustration of Jack Levin and Jewish tailor in Squirrel Hill and being in a Nazi concentration camp).

Moses shared the curses for the Jews in the a portion of the 28th chapter.

Listen to what he was inspired by God to write. (Read Deut. 28:62-68).

These were messages for the Jews because they were at this time God's Covenant people. But because of their disobedience they have been scattered throughout the world and only sometime in God's timetable will they be redeemed again. But for us as a nation blessed by God, we need to heed His warning as well.

You and I need to get back to being people of the Book. The Book of course, God's Word, The Bible. We should be using it and drawing closer to God in

all ways. If all people who claim to be called by God's Name would begin to do so, we would see that revival begin to take place that is needed in our nation. Let us, You and I here highly resolve to do so starting right now.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Danny Mangel, Brian Hollefreund - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Prelude in D Minor" C. Rossini
*Hymn No. 17 "I sing the praise of love unbounded"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "We offer unto thee our Father,
praise for the gift of thy Spirit. We ask for thy
Spirit at the times when we are filled with doubt;
when we are filled with hatred; when we are devoid of
patience; when we show forth selfishness. In all
circumstances which are contrary to thy will, send
thy Spirit to help, to heal, and may we know thy
forgiveness, through Christ. Amen."
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 275 "O Love of God most full"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory "Christe Qui Lux" W. Blithenau
Offertory Response No. 59 (5th verse only)
Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-6
"mon: "THE PET ROCK"
Closing Hymn No. 278 "O Love that wilt not let me go"

*Benediction
*Postlude " arch James Marsh
+ + + + + Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
J. Walter Harmon in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are *Ann Williams, Alta Kradel,
Lois Wogan and Grace Riddle.
Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congrega-
tion at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by
The attendance last Sunday was 165.
Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the Hospital
this week.
Tues. - 10:00; Tues. 6-8 Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall
Thurs. 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall
Wed. July 16 - PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.
We certainly appreciate the four couples helping out
Ginger and Paul Harbison with the Youth Fellowship.
They are Mr. & Mrs. Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mangel,
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jalliet, and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Link.
A Committee will be set up of approximately 6 people
to make up a schedule as to how and when we are going
to remodel the Undercroft. If you are interested in
being on this Committee contact Rev. Link or Bea.
It isn't soup yet, but its time to think about
preserving vegetables. Beans are coming. Anyone
having any extra to donate we will freeze them.
Call Lois Wogan 282-1032.
Hold on to Auction articles. The Auction is coming
up on September 26th. If you need them out of your
way call Dick Mangel.
Apple Butter - If you find sugar on sale buy now and
donate it to the Church for the Apple Butter. We also
need 380 qt. jars. Leave them in the kitchen and
mark them for apple butter.
A Committee was selected to help set up guidelines
for Headstart and to work out a contract for the
coming year. Rev. Link; Bob Dellen, Chairman; Lois
Wogan; Joan Campbell; Dutch Bolam and Art Carney will
make up this Committee.
New kitchen cabinets have been installed and look great.
Our thanks to Mrs. Sandbach who purchased them as a
memorial to her husband. Thanks to those who ordered
and installed them.

"The Pet Rock"

Script: Isa. 51:1-6; Text: Isa. 51:1b, 6b

Expl: A Pet Rock several yrs ago, perhaps from song, He
Luv _e Lik A Rok; 1 givn 2me & instruc 4
gud & lafs & gav peop sunthin reliv bordon, Byon self
(Illus 2men burnes deal, trust G, giv receipt)
leop 2day no hav basic trus G 1nce had & quest validty
bcuz unsetl condits, unrest worl & this caus G no trust
But liv condits not 2far remov peop Is days Isaiah
we no liv exil, but liv age unceties
Isa inspir by G 2 tel peop luv G evn mid dir circum
vs 1=(Read), no spk 2 thos quest who G is, spk thoz want
mesag from G, & hear it;

Mesag is=Lk 2 Rok etc=Examp Heb paralelism(Expl)
This mesag is=Rok, gud examp:watr pour 4th Rok; Rok was
wat G wrot Covenat on; Roks play import part hertag
Naturl think creatr as ROL

We thin Js =Rok Bcuz spk Rok=Ch, & sheltr storm lif
(Illus Welsh lady & no sink thru Rok)
This strength U & I need 2day, fac ordeal lif & storms
Vs 2=(Read), Isa pt peop bak 2 Abra & purp 2sho Abe 1
persn & from him all ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ famlys numbr
wen individ, grp peop involv frustrat, try times,
tendency 2 think I am only 1, wat can 1persn do?
But Isa tel from 1seem insignif persn cum 4th sunthin
as powerful whol erth ful peop

Vsa 3-4=(Read) It out comfort G can giv futur
This giv sunthin set rites on; they givn dream 2
shoot 4 & knowledg wumtim futur G go 2 rt everthing
24 hav joy insted sorro, hope insted despair

vs 5=(Read), furthr hope by pt this out; no prom tak
plac ther liftim, but giv hope which quiet harts
V_ 6=(Read), as alway giv sunthin concret, def prov pt
As kol Abe=Lk stars & count & descns cum 4th lik

But as vast as hvns R wil B dun away with
evn inhabs erth wil die, & onl wat G giv last 4evr
This salv & ritnes & we kno this gift G thru Js Xp
4 thez peop only dream futur; 4 us realty fulfil HT
~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Illus Jap mag & butrfly)
All bout us peop exil volun/involun & thez peop need
touch sum1 who care; sum1 2 briar bak Homland

That sum1 Js Xp & U & I can0 mesengers 4 Him
Bcum matta ea us mak selvs availbl 2B us by Him
We do Bcuz He 1st luv us & we shud remem 2e G's
1st Rok: mus lk 2Rok hewn & quarry from which dug
A this Rok Js Xp

(Illus Cines woman & always knu ther shud B G lik tha
This G peop Is wer lk 4 as lk bak 2 Rok Isa pt 2; ie
our Rok selv; let us not only lk 2 Him, but liv 4 Him
& shar lif with others mett

"The Pet Rock"

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-6

Text: Isaiah 51:1b, 6b

~~(Illustration of business deal, trust in God, and writing receipt)~~

Several years ago someone dreamed up an idea on which he made a fortune. His idea was to take something ~~lik~~ as common as a stone and to get people to buy them. The gimmick of course was "The Pet Rock." Perhaps the idea came forth because of the popular song which sang about, "He loved me like a rock."

But all sorts of things were written and said about Pet Rocks. Several friends of mine gave me one and it had written instructions how to take care of that particular piece of stone. It was great for the laughs it gave us and quite frankly it gave some people something to trust in beyond themselves. Even though everyone knows or knew that ~~that would~~ it was strictly make believe.

(Illustration of two men and business deal, trusting God, and writing receipt)

That basic trust in God which was very prevalent is no longer what it once was. People are questioning today the validity of God. Because of all of the unrest in the world, the unsettled conditions of life, the very fragility of life, God is simply not trusted or believed in as He once was.

But our living conditions are not too far removed from that which the people of Israel faced in the days of Isaiah. True, we are not living in exile as they ~~were~~ were, but we live in age of so many uncertainties. Isaiah was inspired by God to tell these people of that love which God had for them even in the midst of their direst circumstances.

He begins in the 51st chapter by saying, "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, who seek the Lord." He is speaking to those who want to be followers of God. He is not addressing himself to those who question who God is, or where He is in these times of trouble and strife. He wants those who believe to hear this message from God.

He says, "Look to the rock from which you have been hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug." Here once again is an example of what is known as Hebrew parallelism. This means that in their writing quite often they employed this

form. It can be identified by reading the first part of the verse which makes statement, and then the second part reiterates the same idea only expressing it in a little different manner. The Psalms have many examples of this. So Isaiah is saying look to the rock from which you have been cut. And where ~~is~~ rock ~~xxxxx~~ cut from? From a quarry. So it is natural then to continue, "And to the quarry from which you were ~~xxxxx~~ dug." The people of Israel identified with the term "Rock." They knew of the "Rock" from which water poured forth and sustained their forefathers. They knew of the "Stone" of the Covenant on which was written and given the law. To them rocks or rock played an important part in their heritage. So it was natural for them to think in terms of looking to that "Rock" which for them was their creator and their God.

For us it is natural ~~for~~ to think of the "Rock" being Jesus Christ in addition to the "Rock" which is just God. Jesus spoke of the "Rock" which was to be His Church. So it is only natural to think of "Rock" as Almighty God, a strength and a shelter from the storms of life.

(Illustration of dying Welsh lady and "sinking")

This is the strength you and I need today to face the ordeals of life and to carry us through it's storms.

But Isaiah pointed the people back to their father Abraham. He said, (read verse 2). His purpose for this was to show that Abraham was only one person. Yet from that one person ~~xxx~~ all the families of the earth were numbered. When an individual or a group of individuals are involved in very frustrating or trying times there is always the tendency to think, "Well, I am only one. What can one person do?" But you see Isaiah was telling them that from one seemingly insignificant person can forth something as powerful as a whole earth full of people. He points out the comfort which God will bring forth in the future, (read verses 3 and 4). This gives them something to set their sights on. They are given a dream to shoot for and the knowledge that at sometime in the future God is going to right everything and they will have joy instead of sorrow. Hope instead of despair.

He furthered this hope by pointing out, (read verse 5). He didn't promise them at this would take place in their lifetimes. But he gave them that hope which quiets troubled hearts and souls.

But as He always does, God gives them something definite and concrete to look at to prove His point. He says, (read verse 6). Like He told Abraham many years before, "Look at the stars in the sky, and count them. Then know that from you will come forth descendants as numerous as this."

But as great and as vast as the heavens are, it will be gone away with and the earth ~~as well~~ as well. Even the inhabitants of the earth will ~~not~~ all die, and only what God gives will last forever. That is His Salvation and His Righteousness. We know this to be the gift of God through Jesus Christ. For these people it was just a dream for the future. For us it is a reality for we have the fulfillment of that prophecy in the New Testament.

(Illustration of Japanese magazine and picture of dull gray butterfly)

...I about us are people who are living in exile either involuntary or self-imposed. These people need the touch of someone who cares. Someone who can bring them back to the homeland. That someone is Jesus Christ and you and I can be the messengers for Him. It becomes a matter of each of us making ourselves available to be used by Him. But we show forth our love in this way because He first loved us. Let us remember that we are God's "Pet Rock." We must look to the rock from which we have been hewn and to the quarry from which we have been dug. And that Rock is Jesus Christ. It is something like the Chinese mother who was told about the love of God as shown in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and she exclaimed, "I've always thought there should be a God like that somewhere." This is the God the people of Israel were looking for as they looked back to the rock Isaiah pointed them to. He is our Rock and our Salvation. Let us not only look to Him, but live for Him, and share Him with all others we meet.

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 20, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
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Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tina Groves and Tracie Groves - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
*Hymn No. 8 "Praise ye the Lord"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "O God, who hast brought us into this fellowship with one another through thy Son Jesus Christ; let us be one in thought and mind and spirit. Help us to strive not to be individuals but to be a group of fellow believers. Forgive us in our weakness of turning from thee. Give us strength as we need it in our times of turmoil and frustration. Help us to live in the world, but not to be completely wrapped up in all of it. Make our wills obedient to thine, for we ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Liturgist)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 211 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory
(Artory Response No. 59 (5th verse only)

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:20 - 2:3
Sermon: "It Sounds Good, But"
Closing Hymn No. 271 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
*Benediction
*Postlude
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mike and Peg Nazaruk to the "Glory of God"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bolam will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.
Mid Diefendorfer and Dutch Bolam will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Monday 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is rented - Aerobics
Tues. 10:00A.M. & 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.
Thurs. 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.
Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mrs. Cyndie Sybert
Nursery will be provided today by Pauline Fencil, Amy Burns.
Monday - 7:45 P.M. 50th Anniversary Celebration at the V.A. Hospital. The program will include a band concert, worship, group singing and fireworks display. The Congregation is invited to V. A. celebration on The Medical Center lawn.
If you have an string beans over after canning we will need them for the soup in October and Feb. Call Lois Wogan 282-1032.
The Class for 7th to 12th graders: "Does Anybody Here Know Right from Wrong?" started today - you can still join the class.
Anyone wanting to donate sugar for the apple butter - can donate toward the sugar fund. It was purchased at bulk prices this week before it goes up any more. See Ginny Mangel.
We still need quart jars for the apple butter.
The Auction is coming up on September 26th. Hold on to the auction items that you have. If you need them out of your way call Dick Mangel.
TODAY - short Council meeting after the Service.

"It Sounds Good, But"
 Script 2 Peter 1:20-2:3; Text Jer 28:6-9

Let pk port Scrip mesag be, others preach
 For listners, no bilt lies, half truths, but Gosp Js Ap
 Vs 20=no proph givn by human means
 vs 21a=addin' by human will; mean=not man, but G
 vs 1b=insted by men mov d by, spok from G
 vs 2:1=2 times G 2 follo dem 2 our times
 vs 2=many Bliev beuz, sound gud, mus B blievbl
 vs 3=will lead astray, but no hav it made, will paid
 ret prob knu Heb Scrip & think bak perhap Jeremiah
 20chap gud examp:ln 27 tol by G mak woodn yoke &
 wear;lether thing also & this symbolic bondag &
 slavery 2 Babylon King
 He 2 tel serv Nebuchadnezer willingly, G 3 with but
 destroy is do not,only hope o' surviv
 23:1=here Bgin, & vs 2-3=mesag;custmary king remov
 idol & Isites no idol,so vessels insted
 vs 4=Yok 23 brok,stud 4 slavery & this bak plac 2yrs
 Jer had proph 70 yrs & this short period sound gud
 Vs 5=vn Jer bapy with words
 vs 7=but mesag 4 finish, bak up othr proph=vs 8
 vs 9=tel real/fals proph
 wat he say, I knowd but Baniash, but this wen mesag
 contrary wat G orig sed
 vs 10=Han break yok off Jer & vs 11=reiter mesag
 Jer no argu, but lv presenc
 Vss 13-14 Jer hav furthr mesag from G
 vss 16-17= confront Han & tel this
 G no tak kindly 2thos who mak mockery His word
 Our worl ful voces,perhap uncert times, this prob is
 such man head claim I knowd, took opp last evn
 (but Han cow, cute salesman)
 we can a schiz famer, few keep go thru lif no victiz
 Many contradict= (this or that)
 Whon do we bliev? Whon trust?
 Aus 1st detrm wat bliev in; basic faith wat is it?
 Wat about 2? real? Is Ap? G flesh? Vm in born?
 vie 4 me person? Aris del? G p in no?
 we wrestl G how afec thes aroun;ack us peop blieveto
 wat ru mesag th? do man clamor, this is way-shults
 Claus=ary Blievism, nothin requir, peace aftr comit
 Acpt G & all rosy examp: peop read thing in mesag
 (xampl Dr. Schuller & rich bloc, poor famed)
 French tel this Bliev contrary word & here mus cun
 wat G Word say bout it? No listn gud sound, or wat
 want 2hear;insted, weigh wat sed/wat G sed & accordly
 we want gud mus, but only gud m. lav of G reveal Js
 in thru him: inspir in hart ea bliev 2
 let us listn 2 voic aroun us, but let us quest wether
 from G or man

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PRELUDE
 GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

YARD SALE JULY 16

DEDICATIONS JULY 17,

*HYMN
 RESPONSIVE READING
 PRAYER/OFFERING
 *DOXOLOGY
 PASTORAL PRAYER
 HYMN
 SCRIPTURE: 2 PETER 1:20-2:3
 SERMON: "IT SOUNDS GOOD, BUT!" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 7/20/80
 *HYMN
 *BENEDICTION
 *POSTLUDE

LAIRD - DIRECTOR

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DEVENY - FAMILY

VIRGINIA

CHAP 27 JER WRIT COMAN BY G 2MAK WOODN YOK W/LEATHR THONGS EXACT
 LIK PUT ON OXEN
 THIS YOKE SYMB OF B UNDR YOKE BONDAG/SLAVRY 2KING OF BABYLON
 JER 2TEL PEO 2WILINGLY SERV KING NEBECH NEZZR
 PART MESAG WAS=IF PEO NEIGHB LANDS CONSPIR AGIN K NEB, WUD
 END UP CAPTIVS & MITEB DESTROYD
 ONLY ~~BY~~ SUBMIT 2 KING NEB CUD HOPE 2SURVIV
 VS 1=JER EXPL HANGIV A PROPHECY
 VSS 2-3=THIS IS MESAG - CUSTOMARY CONQUR KING REMOV IDOLS OF
 CONQUR LAND & TAK 2HIS TEMPLS
 THER WER NO IDOLS IN ISR, & SO CUD TAK GOLDN VESSLS OF TEMPL
 VS 4=HAN ADD=YOKE WH/STUD 4SLAVRY/BONDAG WAS 2B BROKN FR/NEKS
 OF PEO OF ISR & WUD TAK PLAC IN 2YRS FOLO THER CAPTIVTY
 JER HAD PROPH THEY WUDB HELD CAPTIVTY 70YRS & HERE THIS PROPH
 SAY WUD B ONLY 2YRS
 VSS 5-6=JER AGREES W/WORDS HAN & ADDS "AMEN" OF G SHUD BLESS IT
 VS 7=JER SAYS -SOUNDS GUD, BUT!! HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD
 VS 8=PROPHS B4 BOTH JER & HAN SPOK OF TH/70YR CAPTIVTY
 VS 9=HERE IS TH/PRUF OF A TRU PROPH
 VS 10=HAN BCUM ANGRY & BRK YOKE OF JER
 VS 11=HAN NOW SAY THIS WAT G IS GOING 2DO IN 2YRS, NO MOR
 JER C'S NO PT IN ARGU W/SOMEONE NO HEAR & WALKS AWAY
 VSS 12-13=G HAS FURTHER WORDS 4JER & TELS GO BAK, SPK 2 HAN AGIN
 MESAG WAS 2B YOKES OF IRON INSTED OF WORD=HARD LABOR
 VS 14=G REITERATES HARSHNES OF TH/SLAVRY 2NEB & BABYLON
 VSS 15-16=HERE IS TRU PROPHECY FR/GOD
 VS 17=G DUZNT TAK 2KINDLY 2PEO SPK IN HIS NAM WHO R FALS PROPHS,
 OF TEACHRS, OR PREACHRS
 HANANIAH WAS A FAKE, A FALSE PROPH LIK SO MANY WE HAV 2DAY
 WE LIV IN AN AGE OF EASY BLIEVISM & SHUD KNO WEN SUMTH SNDS 2GU!
 2B TRU, IT USUALY IS
 WL EAR ALL SORTS OF CLAIMS/PROMISES, GET CHEATD ETC.
 (ILUS OF FARMER SELLING COW TO CAR SALESMAN)
 WE R INVOLV IN MANY CONTRADICTINS 2DAY
 WHOM DO WE BLIEV?? WHOM DO WE TRUST??
 MUS START W/GOD
 WHO IS HE?? WAT DO WE KNO BOUT HIM??
 DO WE DOUBT HIS EXISTENG? ~~IF~~ SO, THER IS 1ST PROB 4US
 HOW DUZ THINGS HEAR, CUM 2US FR/THE WORLD SQUAR W/G'S WORD??
 DO WE KNO MUCH BOUT BIBL?? WAT DO WE BLIEV BOUT IT??
 WAT DO WE KNO OF JS XP?? WHO WAS HE?? HOW WAS HE BORN??
 WHY DID HE DIE?? DID HE ACTULY RISE FR/THE GRAV??
 HOW BOUT TH/CHURCH WE BLONG TO?? WAT DUZ IT PREACH/Teach??
 DUZ IT REMAIN TRU TO TH/BIBL?
 (ILLUSTRATION OF DR., WOMAN PATIENT & TRUTH OF MOTHERS "GASTRITIS")
 THE TRUTH IS FOUND ONLY IN GOD - JS PRAY = THY WORD IS TRUTH
 HIS TRUTH IS COMPLETE & WE MUST SEEK HIM ONLY
 TUNE OUT TH/WORLD, TH/NEWS, ETC. ALL OF THEZ WIL LIE JW 17/7

SCRIP: 2 PETER 1:20-2:3; SERM: "IT SOUNDS GOOD, BUT!"

PETER SPK THIS PORTIN SCRIP BOUT MESAG BIN PREACH
 TOL LISTNRS NO BILT ON LIES/HALF TRUTHS- BUT TRU GOSPL JS XP
 VS 20=PT OUT NO SCRIP GIVN BY MERLY HUMAN MEANS
 VS 21A=NOT DUN THRU THINK/IDEAS OF MEN
 VS 21B=MEN MOVD BY G, & THUS ABL 2SPK 4 GOD
 (? 2:1=WANTS GIV WARN EVN ODD TEST THER FALS PROPHS
 VS 1B=SUM AMONG THEM THIS MENT THEN & INTO FUTUR LIK TODAY
 VS 1C=RESULTS OF WAT THEY WIL DO
 WIL PREACH/TEACH HERSYS CONTRARY TO SALV THRU JS XP
 VS 2=HIS PREDICTIN - WIL LEAD MANY PEO ASTRAY W/FALS WORDS
 VS 3=WAT THEY SAY WIL SOUND SO GUD, IT MUSB BLIEVBL
 THEY WILB DESTROYD BCUZ G IS NOT ASLEEP ACORD 2PROMS BOUT
 SUCH PEO & ACTS
 PETER KNU SCRIP, ESPEC OT & KNU OF PROPHS LIK JEREMIAH
 JER 28 IS GUD EXAMP WAT PETER TALK BOUT

"It Sounds Good, But"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:20-2:3 N.A.S.B.

Text: Jeremiah 28:6-9

Peter was speaking in this portion of Scripture about the message which he and the others had been preaching. He told his listeners that it was not built upon lies or half-truths, but was the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

He points out first of all, that there is absolutely no prophecy given in Scripture which was given by merely human means, (verse 20). He adds to this by stating that "no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will," (verse 21a).

He means by this that all prophecy as given in God's Word was not done through the ideas or thinking of mere human beings. It was done instead, "By men, moved by the Holy Spirit," and these men, "Spoke from God," (verse 21b).

But now Peter comes to a warning he wants to share with his readers and listeners. Beginning in the second chapter verse 1 he says, (Read this verse). From this we can understand that there were false teachers and he is referring to the Old Testament times, and there would be false teachers, meaning in the immediate future and on into our day and age. They will bring about heresies that will tear down congregations and denominations; they will even "deny the Master who bought them." He means that they will preach and teach things contrary to salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for mankind.

His prediction is, "Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words," ~~their judgment~~ ^{by} He tells of the leading astray ~~of~~ these people because what they will be saying will sound so good, it must be believable, ~~but~~ (verses ~~2:2-3a~~ 2:2-3a). But he points out they will be destroyed and regardless of how it may seem they have it made, God is not asleep according to His promises about such people and acts, (vs 2:3b).

It is very likely that Peter knowing the Hebrew writings as well as the lives of the prophets, was thinking back to several instances to be found in their writings. One such prophet was the man Jeremiah. In the 28th chapter is a good example of what Peter was talking about

Jeremiah had been commanded by God in the chapter preceeding this, chapter 27, to make a wooden yoke as was worn by oxen, along with the leather thongs attached which kept them from slipping off the neck of the beast of burden. He was to wear this yoke which was symbolic of being under bondage or slavery to the King of Babylon. Jeremiah was to tell the people to willingly serve King Nebuchadnzzar. ~~and~~ part of this message was that if the rulers of the neighboring lands joined together and conspired against the King of Babylon, they would not only end up as captives, but might be destroyed. Only by submitting to King Nebuchadnezzar could they hope to survive.

So we begin to read in the first verse, (read this). Here is his message, (read verses 2-3). It was customary for a conquering king to remove the idols of the conquered land and take them to his temples. But in the case of Israel, there ~~xxxxxxxx~~ were no idols, so the next thing that could be taken was the golden vessels of the Temple. But Hananiah had more to add to this prophecy and he goes on, (read verse 4). He points out that the yoke, which stood for slavery and bondage was going to be broken from the necks of the people of Israel. This was to take place within two years following their captivity. Jeremiah had prophesied that they would be held in captivity for 70 years, and here is this prophet proclaiming that the length of time will only be 2 years.

Jeremiah is happy to agree with these words and he adds his "Amen" to them, and in fact reflects that God should indeed bless them in this way, (verse 6). But he has a message for Hananiah, (verse 7), and he adds that this message is backed up by many other prophets, (verse 8). He points out that the prophet whose prophecy comes to fulfillment is a true prophet, (verse 9). What he is actually saying to Hananiah is, "What you have said sounds good, BUT." There is always that "BUT" that arises when someone comes along ~~xxx~~ and speaks contrary to what God had originally said. But Hananiah not satisfied that he is wrong at this point, physically takes the wooden yoke from the neck of Jeremiah and breaks it in two, (verse 10). He elaborates on his prophecy that God will fulfill this prophetic word in two years and no more, (verse 11). Jeremiah at this point has no more argument to speak to Hananiah and so he departs from him, Vs 11

But Jeremiah has a further revelation from God and this is what God said to him, (read verses 13-14). He is to confront Hananiah and to tell him that because of his prophecy, the people ~~will~~ will be forced to wear yokes of iron, instead of yokes of ~~wooden~~ wood. Things are going to go much harder for the Israelites because of their seeking to follow the advice of Hananiah.

So Jeremiah confronts Hananiah and this is what he says, (read verse 16). He calls him a false prophet and confronts him with the fact that he has lied. For this he must die as decreed by God, (read verses 16-17). Thus we see that God does not take too kindly to those who would make a mockery of His Word. Our world is full of voices. Perhaps it is the uncertain times which create the "easy believism" which we have and the Israelites must also have had. One such man who had heard all of the claims and promises so often made about products had the opportunity to get even:

(Illustration of farmer selling cow to car salesman)

I am sure we can all sympathize with the farmer, because few ~~of these people~~ ~~these~~ people are able to go through life without being victimized at one time or another. An article from "Organized Medicine's Point of View," from 1975 had this to say, (Illustration of this, "Age of this or that")

We can readily see by this that we are involved in many, many contradictions.

~~What~~ ~~do~~ ~~we~~ ~~believe?~~ ~~Whom~~ ~~can~~ ~~we~~ ~~trust?~~ ~~WE~~ ~~must~~ ~~determine~~ ~~just~~ ~~what~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~we~~ ~~believe~~ ~~to~~ ~~begin~~ ~~with.~~ ~~This~~ ~~means~~ ~~looking~~ ~~at~~ ~~our~~ ~~basic~~ ~~faith~~ ~~and~~ ~~how~~ ~~it~~ ~~squares~~ ~~with~~ ~~God's~~ ~~Word.~~ ~~What~~ ~~do~~ ~~we~~ ~~first~~ ~~of~~ ~~all~~ ~~believe~~ ~~about~~ ~~God?~~ ~~Do~~ ~~we~~ ~~doubt~~ ~~His~~ ~~existence,~~ ~~or~~ ~~is~~ ~~our~~ ~~faith~~ ~~complete~~ ~~in~~ ~~that~~ ~~area?~~ ~~What~~ ~~do~~ ~~we~~ ~~believe~~ ~~about~~ ~~Jesus~~ ~~Christ?~~ ~~Is~~ ~~He~~ ~~just~~ ~~a~~ ~~historical~~ ~~figure,~~ ~~or~~ ~~is~~ ~~He~~ ~~a~~ ~~real~~ ~~person?~~ ~~Was~~ ~~He~~ ~~God~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~flesh?~~ ~~Did~~ ~~He~~ ~~die~~ ~~for~~ ~~me~~ ~~personally?~~ ~~Was~~ ~~He~~ ~~born~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~virgin~~ ~~mother?~~ ~~Did~~ ~~He~~ ~~arise~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~dead?~~ ~~What~~ ~~do~~ ~~we~~ ~~believe~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~Holy~~ ~~Spirit?~~ ~~As~~ ~~we~~ ~~wrestle~~ ~~with~~ ~~these~~ ~~issues~~ ~~we~~ ~~can~~ ~~see~~ ~~the~~ ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~each~~ ~~of~~ ~~them~~ ~~and~~ ~~how~~ ~~it~~ ~~affects~~ ~~those~~ ~~around~~ ~~us.~~ ~~If~~ ~~people~~ ~~look~~ ~~to~~ ~~us~~ ~~as~~ ~~Christians~~ ~~in~~ ~~our~~ ~~messed~~ ~~up~~ ~~society~~ ~~and~~ ~~we~~ ~~live~~ ~~completely~~ ~~contrary~~ ~~to~~ ~~that~~ ~~way~~ ~~of~~ ~~life,~~ ~~we~~ ~~can~~ ~~be~~ ~~point-~~ ~~ed~~ ~~out~~ ~~as~~ ~~false~~ ~~witnesses~~ ~~for~~ ~~our~~ ~~Lord.~~ ~~We~~ ~~are~~ ~~doing~~ ~~His~~ ~~cause~~ ~~harm~~ ~~instead~~ ~~of~~ ~~good.~~

We must also question who has the true message in the churches. There are so many voices clamoring for our attention and telling us, "This is the way." This is why there are so many cults springing forth today. It is caused by people wanting an "Easy Believism." Nothing required. Just join us and all of your problems are over for good. There are actually people preaching today that all you need do is accept Jesus Christ and you will have no more problems. And people are swarming to this type of teaching only to discover that once the commitment is made it is only the beginning of the struggle because then we are at odds with Satan and he begins to create problems which tests our faith. But then there are those who are trying to read into everything something which may not be there in order to foster their own erroneous beliefs. Just this past week I was at a Board of Directors meeting and was involved in a conversation with several of our ministers, (who shall remain nameless), and one of them was telling about hearing one of the television ministers actually speaking about those with money and material possessions being blessed by God, and those who are poor are cursed because they will not work. I question whether this is actually what was meant, and this fellow interpreted it because of an illustration this minister gave about some carp being scared and others not being scared. I would believe the TV minister was being misquoted, because I happen to know that this fellow doing the talking shows no opposition to some of the basic things the UCC is fostering which are against God's Word. What all of this comes down to is that we examine what we believe in, and we take our stand based on how it compares with God's Holy Word. The Bible. We must continually come back to it again and again. ~~Failure~~ Failure to do this is what is creating and causing the chaos in Christianity today. It isn't a matter of listening for someone to say something which sounds Good because that is what we want to hear. Instead, it is to weigh what is being said with what God ~~wants~~ has said, and men acting accordingly. We want to hear Good News because we hear too much bad news every day. But the Good News is the love of God as revealed in and through Jesus Christ and as inspired in the heart of each believer by the Holy

Spirit. Let us listen to the voices around us. But let us question whether they
are from God, or from man.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Butler, Pennsylvania
 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 27, 1980
 The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
 Tina Groves and Traci Groves - Acolytes
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 ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
 *Hymn No. 20 "God of might, we praise Thy name"
 *Ascription
 *Exhortation
 *Confession (In Unison) "We offer unto thee our
 Father, praise for the gift of thy Spirit. We ask
 for thy Spirit at the times when we are filled with
 doubt; when we are filled with hatred; when we are
 devoid of patience; when we show forth selfishness.
 In all circumstances which are contrary to thy will,
 send thy Spirit to help, to heal, and may we know thy
 forgiveness, through Christ. Amen."
 *Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
 *Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
 *Praise
 *Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
 *People: The Lord's name be praised.
 *Doxology 551
 Who's Who in the Pew
 Announcements
 Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
 Hymn No. 262 "Teach me, O Lord"
 Call to Prayer
 Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: And with thy spirit.
 Pastor: Let us Pray
 Prayer and Prayer Response
 Offering
 Offertory
 Offertory Response No. 59 (5th verse only)
 Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17
 Sermon: "IN TRIPLICATE"
 Closing Hymn No. 287 "God of grace and God of glory"

*Benediction
 *Postlude
 + + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
 The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Vargo and Daughters to the "Glory
 of God".
 Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel, Don
 Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.
 Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel will greet the Congregation
 and Visitors at the door this morning.
 Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Cyndie Sybert

Robert Dellen and Robert Tait will be visiting the
 Hospital this coming week.
 Monday and Tues. 6-8 and Thurs. 6-9 Aerobics.
 Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton and Mr. Harold
 Taylor. Mrs. WELTZEL

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 PLANT THE WORD
 We are not expected to germinate the seed--
 Jesus said to plant it; This world's a field in need.
 God does not expect us to cause the seed to sprout--
 He just said to plant it, and plant it all about.
 Jesus never told us to make the seed to grow--
 He just said to plant it, to plant it where we go.
 God does not expect us to make the seed bear fruit--
 Jesus said to plant it, and pray that it will root.
 Jesus does expect us to plant the Gospel Seed--
 Plant it, plant it, plant it, the world's in desperate
 need!
 Plant the seed, and sow it, get much seed in the soil;
 Jesus said the harvest will recompense the toil.
 ---Wilma Pendergraft

"In Triplicate"

Scrip: Ex. 20:1-17; Text: Ex 20:1-17;24:12-18;34:1,
28-29
Iiv age paprwork,govt form fill our trip;compu^r - bus
(Illus man & comoutr request for \$0.00 & result)
Gud examp complicat sytem & prov not quit wat shud B
(I computr & I no writ lettrs)=sum gud,othr unrelia
Allk fill & mak repor C G's Word giv mutipl of 3's
Decalogue=10 Words,or 10 C's & red as Scrip,
But find 24:3 Mos givn stone,brk Bcuz peop idol
34=Mos comand 2 cum 34 1 4 3rd & duplicat set
Thus G giv Law In Trip
Shud no alarm us,Bcuz G has dun this many dif ways
Analyse=1st givn vocal,oral 2 impres upon hearing
Then impres upon read, 3 3rd impres read agin
(I Bliev had Mos no brok stone,G stil wud giv 3rd tim)
Who mos wickd man Bibl? Mos,brok 10 C's at 1nce
I writ Rom 10:17=Faith cum by hear, 3 hear by # of G
Iatr cud mean Js as Word of G,or writ # of G,or both
As spk 10 C's can C wat E say=1st oral, 2 mesag 2 hear
Vs 18=peop knu G as power,might & impres them
vs 19=Assur Mos wud hear wat G says
& this wat G want, 3 faith made strong Bcuz
Evn tho herd,G want 2 hav 4 them 2 read & B availbl
Gav Mos 2 times=Mos brok 1st set,told 2 cum 4 othr
& I say, & hear by # of G & we C G made In Trip
Thruout Scrip can C 3B used dif ways
Priests tol do cert thing 3 times
3 days used with cer signif
But G reveal self 3 Persons
1st as FATHER Almighty & 1 favrit illus Js & Sadds
(Illus He not G of ded,but G of the living)
Hw 3 Js show G as 3 Fathr,Almity G,the 1st of TRinty
G reveal Js as 2nd Person=Ietr & Thou art Ip
Regocniz as Ancint from G
Centurion=Truly this was The Son of God=2nd Trinty
Js prom cum 3rd Person & Pentecost powr & mite & men
knu 4 cert this wat Js prom
In spk 2 peop 3erm Mt Js say=Think not that I am cum
2 destroy the 1 & prophs:I am cum not 2 destroy,
but 2 fulfill
Here then compl mean of G giv Law In Trip
It givn 4 hear=Now faith cumeth by hearing,
It givn twic 4 reading=& hearing by the Word of God
All of this shud help us lk G's Law,wat we call 10
C's as B givnnot only In Trip by G,but also 2 reveal
G in Trip as F, Son, & H Sp

"In Triplicate"

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Text: Exodus 20:1-17; 24:12-18; 34:1,28-29

We are living in an age of vast amounts of paperwork. Many governmental forms require that they be filled out in triplicate. Computers have ~~xxxxxx~~ become a big operation as well. Some time ago a man received a bill from a company and the bill had been computerized.

(Illustration of this man, bill for \$0.00, second notice, check and thank you) Here is a good example of our complicated systems proving to not quite what they should be. Another computer was used to prove the Bible recently and when all the data was fed into it, the computer gave forth the information that the Apostle Paul did not write any letters as given in the New Testament. This should help to show us that machines can perform certain tasks, but with others they are unreliable.

But as we look at the method of filing and making reports in multiples of three, we find in God's word that He did just that. We read first the Decalogue, which is a Latin word which actually means, "The Ten Words," but is interpreted to mean the Ten Commandments, and this first reading is found in that portion of Exodus which we read as Scripture this morning. Next we read it in the 24th chapter where Moses is given the stone tablets and he brings them down from the mountain and breaks them. The third time we read of them in the 34th chapter where Moses is commanded to come again ~~for~~ before the Lord so a duplicate set of the Ten Commandments was given for the people.

Here then we have the Lord giving the Law in Triplicate. This shouldn't seem unusual to us, because God has done this in many different ways. But as we analyze this giving of the law we see that first of all God wanted it impressed upon their hearing. Then secondly He wanted it impressed upon their reading, their sight. And then thirdly He wanted it again impressed upon their reading, and their sight. Incidentally, ~~I believe~~ that had Moses not broken the Stone Tablets upon which the Ten Commandments were written, I believe that God would have given them to the people in another third form. Someone has jokingly asked

the question, "Who was the most wicked man in the Bible?" The answer is, "Moses, because he broke all ~~ten~~ Commandments at once."

But Paul writing at a later time to the church at Rome in the 10th chapter and ~~xx~~ the 17th verse said, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The latter part can mean both the written Word of God, or Jesus Christ as the revealed Word of God. In speaking of these Ten Commandments given by God in Triplicate we see the truth of what Paul was saying. First, they were given by God orally. He spoke the message for all the people to hear. If we look at the following verse we can see that God had greatly impressed the people with His power and might. They wanted Moses to speak to them rather than God, because they were afraid that God was going to destroy them. But they assured Moses they would "HEAR." This is what God wanted from them all along. And it was when they heard, that their faith was made strong and they were blessed by God in their lives

But then, even though they had heard the Law, God wanted it prepared so they could refer to it and read it for themselves. This would leave no doubt as to what was required of them. So He gave them to Moses on the Stone Tablets. He broke the first set because the people had made an idol to worship. Then God gave them another set of The Law written again on Stone Tablets. Here we can see that God gave the Law in Triplicate, but also the fulfillment of what Paul had said. "Hearing, by the Word of God." This hearing for them took place when they either read the Law for themselves, or they heard it read. In either event it shows the significance of God giving something in Triplicate."

But throughout all of Scripture we can see over and over again this figure "Three" being used in many different ways. The priests were told to do certain things three times. We read quite often of three days having a certain significance. But the "In Triplicate" which God ~~xxxx~~ showed and revealed Himself most fully was in the evolvement of Himself in "Three Persons." God revealed Himself as the Father to the Patriarchs of ancient Israel. One of my favorite illustrations from Scripture comes from Jesus involved ~~xxxxxx~~ in a conversation with

a group of men called Saducees. They came to Him with a hypothetical question.

(Illustration of "He is not God of the dead, but of the living.")

Here, Jesus shows God to be the Almighty God, the Father. The first of the Trinity.

But then we see God revealed in Jesus Christ as the Second Person of the Trinity. Peter, making his bold confession of who Jesus is, says, "Thou art the Christ." He recognized Him as the anointed one to come from God. The Centurion who stood guard at the cross while life slowly ebbed from Jesus' body, made the statement when He did die, and there was an earthquake and ~~the~~ nature broke forth in its fury, "Truly, this was THE Son of God." He recognized in Him the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity.

But then Jesus promised the coming of Third Person and on the day of Pentecost that Holy Spirit came forth in a manifestation of power and might and men knew for a certainty that although Jesus was no longer walking with them, He was just as much a certainty in this spiritual form, and this was that Third Person of the Trinity.

Jesus, speaking to the people in the Sermon on the Mount told them, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Here then was the complete meaning of God giving His Law in Triplicate. It was given for hearing, "Now faith cometh by hearing." And then it was given twice for reading, "And hearing by the Word of God." All of this should help us to look at God's Law, what we call the Ten Commandments as being given ~~in triplicate~~ not only "In Triplicate" by God, but also to reveal God in Triplicate, as The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 3, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Julie Vargo, Sharon Pfabe - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Prelude on The Gregorian Chant - Deo Gratias"
*Hymn No. 30 "Come, we who love the Lord"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Merciful Father, we acknowledge
and confess our sinful nature; our short-coming and our
offenses. We have betrayed not only our faith in you,
but also your faith in us. We have spoken bravely of
love and compassion, but we have acted out of selfishness
and indifference. Forgive us, O God, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen."
*Kyrrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Congregational Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology 551
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 253 "Take my life, and let it be"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response
Offering
Offertory and Response No. 59 (5th verse only)
Anthem: "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte - Dennis Burnham
Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:9-13
Sermon: "IT RHYMES WITH EAR"
sing Hymn No. 462 "Jesus, keep me near the cross"

*Benediction
*Postlude "Voluntary in G" Anonymous 18th Century
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Kradel in memory of their "Sisters"
Hazel Allison and Carrie Litzenberg.
Serving as Ushers today are Charles Penar, Dan Bosko,
Robert Knauer and Dave McMillin.
Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door this morning.
Lloyd Link and Dave McMillin will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Hospitalized: Mrs. Bessie Hampton, Mrs. Elsie
Kornrumpf, Mrs. Ann Weitzel.
OUT
Monday - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Picnic - 6:00 here
at the Church.
Today - 1:00 P.M. - William Ohl's Sunday School Class
Grades 5-6 will be going Swimming Today - Meet at the
Church at 1:00 P.M.
Our Soloist this morning is Dennis Burnham - Baritone
Soloist from Grove City, who is now starring in
Franklin Civic Operetta's second production of the
summer season, "Shenandoah"
Our Deepest Sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Dave McMillin's
in the loss of Dave's Father. ^{Y HAMMINGS}
When the Pastor is away during this next month, If
you need help contact Bea and she will get you in
touch with someone to help you.
Chet Stauffer will be filling the Pulpit next Sunday.
We have 4 good speakers coming while the Pastor is
away for a well deserved vacation. Don't let your
Church down by staying away. The Committee feels they
have selected someone that you all will like and want
to hear.
Don't forget we need beans for the freezer for the
Soup and Salad Days.
If you would like to donate towards the ^{sugar for the} apple butter
see Virginia Mangel.
They still need jars (qts.) for the apple butter.

"It Rhymes With Ear"

scrip: Deut. 11:9-13; Text: Deut. 31:13

Gar put dwn ea othr; ex=Brsins, trains-litl 1; nose/ros

Flout & word find rhyme words 2 scrip 2day=Ear

expl: Mos wrot 40yr B4=Ex 17:14; Ex 24:4,7

Num 33:2=jorneys

compl & turn ovr 2 pr & Levits

vs 10=expl Sab yr, 7 yr & yr releas=no debts

Feast Tab=7th month, 7 day cele; wen Sab yr ea day

portions Law read 2 all

vs 11=wen settl read 2 all, women, men, children

4us this shud B import 2; but no hav time, read if

want, no read wif no want & this dwnfall Israel

Josiah Bcum king Bgin reform, Law fnd bury in wall

reop assem & Law red 2

Atmos import Bibl Bcum import lif Blievr

Xpiantry floundr Bcu Bibl hav low plac lif peop

Lettr editor Rev. Ohio & no stres authority Bibl

Bibl tak 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th??? plac of 2many peop

By whos authority do anything? Man? God?

Who giv patern 4 rite/wrong? Man? God?

I Bliev can do nothing without authority G & this cum
from Word

Therefor, Bliev authority import

But along this G want 2 thing=vs 13

Both Rhyme with Ear=Hear Fear

2 hear is 2 obey if herd propr

2 Fear is 2 Reverenc G, kno as Fthr, God

Col say=Fear G is Bgin wisdom

letr sum up both 2nd letr=3:18

Gro Grac=enlarg wat G gav as free gift, sho it, kno it

knowledg=gro it by Word of G & no just Sunday, everda

Word shud mak hear, so we obey & liv 4 Him

(Illus Norway pine & stil gro

U & I shud gro 2 very end lif,

shud read Bibl ever day 2 get 2 truth & then can

Fear G, but wil also Hear & obey.

"It Rhymes With Ear"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:9-13

Text: Deuteronomy 31:13

Perhaps as a child you played the game which amounted to putting one another down. An example would be, "When they passed out brains you thought they said trains and you asked for a little one." The other person might answer, "When they passed out noses, you thought they said **Roses**, and you asked for a big red one." This type of fooling may not be too complimentary, but it was a rhyming type of play and made a person use their faculties to do so.

God used this type of rhyming process but not in the uncomplimentary way we used. Throughout all of His Word we can find portions of Scripture which have a rhyming quality to them.

Take the word, "Ear" as an example. Did you know that with only a few exceptions a word starting with each letter of the alphabet rhymes with "ear." ~~ixxxbeginning~~
~~ixxxbeginningxxxxxxsee how this is true xxxThe xxxxxxxx word beginning with~~
~~xxwith "B" there is: bier; Bwixxxxxx meaning~~

Many of these words can point us to what God wants us to be doing. A case in point is found in our Scripture for this morning. But there was a purpose behind this which had taken years to come forth. About 40 years prior to this Scripture God was preparing Moses and ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Israelites for this time in which they found themselves.

In the 17th chapter of Exodus the 14th verse we read, (read this). Thus, Moses was writing a book of their experiences. Then we read in the 24th chapter, verse 4 and 7, (read these). Here the book was prepared for the people. But then Moses also wrote of their journeyings and we find this recorded in Numbers 33, verse 2, (read this). So now the ~~book~~ book is prepared. Our Scripture then is a record of Moses turning this book over to the priests and the Levites for them to keep. Moses instructs them, (read verse 10). This meant that every 7 years a Sabbatical was declared. This was called the year of release. This meant that all debts were cancelled at this time. The Sabbatical Year opened in the Sabbatical month. This meant that during the 7th month, which was when

the Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated, when this feast was celebrated in the 1st, or Sabbatical Year, it was a special celebration. The feast annually was ~~celebrated~~ celebrated for a period of 7 days. Each day of the seven ~~xxx~~ days of celebration portions of the Law were read to all men, women and children. This is what Moses was telling them to do as we read in verse 11, (read this). This was the command of God and not Moses. This should show us the importance God places upon His Word. We take it so lightly and if we get a chance to read it we will, and if we don't we don't. But according to Jewish ceremonial customs it was to be read and heard at least, completely every 7 years.

But was it kept in this manner? No it wasn't. And this is one of the main reasons why Israel turned from the Lord and were taken into captivity. They completely forgot the Word of God.

We can understand this more fully when we recall that Josiah became King of Judah and began a work of cleansing and reconstruction of the Temple. During the repair of the Temple walls the book of the Law was found hidden in the wall. This brought a response from Josiah that the people should be assembled to hear the Word of the Lord.

It is of the utmost importance that the Bible become as important in the life of every believer as anything he may own or possess. This is why Christianity today is floundering and the church is weak and corrupt. The Bible has taken 2nd, 3rd, 4th or perhaps 5th or 6th place to the other things men believe are more important. I just read this past week a letter to the editor of a magazine about this very thing. The man who is pastor of a church in Ohio wrote to state that he believed we need to ~~xxxx~~ "rediscover the power of Scripture." But he cautioned that we should not ~~xxxxxx~~ do this by stressing the "Authority of Scripture." I believe that we cannot do anything else but put forth the "Authority of Scripture." To me this formost and should be what determines our belief. Who gives us authority to do anything in this life? Is it man? Or is it God? Who is that gives us the pattern of right and wrong for the living of this life? Is it God? Or is it man? You see, when we come at God's Word from this angle

it determines just where we stand. We do not set on anyone's authority except the authority of God and that authority comes directly from His Word. So therefore, the authority of Scripture is important.

But along with all of this is what God wants His people to do is two things which are pointed out by Moses in this particular Scripture. Both of them rhyme with Ear. In the 13th verse we read, (read this).

God is instructing the people of Israel to read the Word of God to all the people so that they may "HEAR" and "FEAR." Both of these words rhyme with Ear. The first one has to do with listening. To Hear the Word of God is not just to be able to listen, but to obey. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Obedience to God's Word is the response which shows that what has been heard has had an effect upon that person.

The second thing which God wanted from His people was "to learn to fear the Lord their God." This doesn't mean that they were to cringe every time they even thought of God. That is not what God meant. He meant that they were to have reverence for Him. To remember that He was God and that He is Holy. This is the proper fear desired by God from His followers.

Peter summed these two things up in his second letter the 3rd chapter the 18th verse. He said, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." To grow in His Grace is to develop in that free gift which God gave to us through His Son Jesus Christ. But also the knowledge of Him. This is derived from His Word. And His Word should make us Hear, so we can obey, and to fear, so we can love Him for what He is.

(Illustration of Norway Pine and still growing)

You and I should be growing to the very end of life. This means to continue to "HEAR" God's Word. Not just on Sunday, but every day through some reading in it to get at God's truth. But it also means to "FEAR" the Lord, to remember that He is God, our Father, and this "FEAR" is actually reverence for Him.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 14, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Tracy McMillin, and Amy Vargo - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Cornet Voluntary in F" Humphries
*Hymn No. 335 "Praise the Lord!"

*Ascription

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord Jesus Christ who didst give Thy life for us that we might receive pardon and peace, mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and evermore keep us in Thy favor and love, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen."

*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

*People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology No. 551

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 457 "Take time to be holy"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response "Bow down Thine ear" Davis

Offering

Offertory

Scripture: Jeremiah 20:7-18

Sermon "BONEFIRE"

Closing Hymn No. 2 "How Great Thou Art"

Benediction Choral Benediction "Alleluia!"

Postlude "March"

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Grace Riddle in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Mary Burns, Jean Pflugh, Diana Hollefreund and Vivian Wachsmuth.

Deacon and Mrs. Harry Burns will greet the Congregation at the door this morning.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Larry McWilliams, Beth and Amy Burns.

Hospitalized: Danny Bosko - Presbyterian Hospital, Gottlob Kradel, Irene Holbein - S.C.M. H.

Art Carney and Rod Rensel will be visiting the Hospital this week.

The attendance last Sunday was 180

The date has been set for making apple butter - Oct. 11.

Tonight 6:30 - Teachers Training Class

Tonight 7:30 - Informal Worship Service -which will be a Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew using the book "Meet Your King" Bring your Bible.

Monday - 6:00 - Fidelity Bible Class will have a Tureen Dinner. Bring a tureen and own table service.

Monday - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.

Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.

*Monday - 7:00 - Follow-up Committee Meeting

Wed. - : - Youth Choir Rehearsal

Wed. 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wed. 7:30 - Golden Circle Meeting - Bible Study with

Thurs. 10:30 A.M. - Mary Martha Circle Meeting will

meet at Helen Sheppeck's.

There will be a brief meeting of the LAY LIFE AND WORK

Committee following the Worship Service today.

Bea has a few copies left of those that gave hymnals.

If you would like to have one drop by the office.

Sept. 28 (Sunday after next) 5:30 - Congregational

Dinner in Rehoboth Hall - come out and enjoy

the fun and fellowship. Entertainment will be

provided.

If you are making anything for Meals on Wheels (to be

brought in on Sunday Sept. 28th) they request that

you either make Cup cakes, angel food cake, cookies

or ginger bread. Ann Williams will deliver it all

on the 29th.

Thurs. - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.

MANY PEOPLE LIVE AS THAT BREAD WITNESS TO THEIR HEART PAIN.
NOT BY GREAT WORKS OR GREAT DEEDS, BUT JUST BY BEING SERVING WHERE-
EVER AND WHENEVER THEY CAN.
(ILUS SCHEER INSPIRATIONALS MUMT SARAH)
LET US LET G IGNITE A SPARK WITHIN US TO SERVE HIM & LOVE HIM THE
SERVICE
AND MAY THAT SPARK BURN A FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS VERY BONES
SO THAT WE LIKE JES. MAY LET IT BRING 4TH IN THE SERVICE OF
OUR LORD & SAVIOR JES. KP

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Leighton Ford ~~Butter~~ Crusade

in cooperation with the Billy Graham Crusades
Butler Intermediate High School Auditorium
October 14-21, 1979

Dear

Enclosed please find a list of people from your congregation who served as counselors for the League of Ford Brother Crusade. I would like you to get people from this list who would be willing to teach a future class. I will lead the selection of these people to your own discretion. Needless to say we need people who are not only qualified to teach, but the new Christians as well.

There are to be _____ Nurture classes which may be held in your church or in individual homes. Please stress that we are not striving to make the people taught members of your congregation since of necessity some of them may be from other congregations. Our task is to NURTURE these people in their faith and that is all.

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I will be looking forward to meeting you and your people at the meeting.
Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Yours in Christ,

Chairman, Christian Life and
Witness Committee.

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Rev. Gordon Powell Rev. John Wayne Stair Mr. Donald Thomas Mr. Phillips Wiegand Rev. David Wilson
Rev. William Young

*Administrative Committee

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Scripture: Jeremiah 20:7-18

Text: Jeremiah 20:9

Jeremiah was a prophet among many other prophets of his day. Some of them were Habbakkuk, Zephaniah, Daniel and Ezekiel. Each one in his own right had a personal contribution to make to the people of Israel. Each of them gave to us his own messages that we can learn from. But perhaps Jeremiah was somewhat in a class by himself. Of all the other prophets he stands alone as a lonely solitary figure. The message God gave him to deliver made him increasingly unpopular and for this he suffered physically and mentally. He was called a traitor because God had told him to advocate Israel's submission to Babylon. He was put into prison, was beaten and his life was in danger many times. Yet through all of this he was faithful to his prophetic task for 42 years. And in all of this time he never wavered from the message God had given to him to convey to these stubborn people. The times in which he lived were very grave, and the message he gave was even darker. All of this should give us an idea of what a hard and difficult life he led.

Jeremiah had been told by God to go to the Shinnar valley and to portray there a parable using a bottle to depict the broken condition which was going to be the end result for the people. We read this in the 19th chapter, and when we read in the 14th verse of chapter 19, (read this).

xxxxxxxxxxxxxx20khschapteroneandthat'showitgoes

Read vs 15. He is now in the temple and at this point his message is not only not heard, but it lands him in trouble. Pashhur was not only a priest, the son of a priest, but he was the chief officer in charge of ~~governing~~ maintaining peace and quiet in the Lord's house. It was his job as pointed out in Jeremiah 29:26 to "be the overseer in the house of the Lord over every madman who prophesies and to put him in the stocks and iron collar."

We read, vs 2, and this meant that Jeremiah was beaten with 40 lashes across ~~his~~ his feet. Then he was fastened in the stocks which was one piece of timber with holes in it for the feet, the hands and the head. This position almost bent a person double and was not only uncomfortable, but very painful.

Jeremiah spent a night of pain and torture and the next day, vs 3, he was released. Jeremiah speaks to Pashhur and tells him that his name would become, "Magor-missabib." This meant, "terror on every ^{SIDE} ~~side~~," or as some translations have it, "fear on every side." This is a complete contrast to what his real name meant or stood for. Pashhur according to which language you interpret it from meant, "glad, happy, free, at ease," etc. But now he was going to endure all of the suffering of exile and we read this in verses 4-6.

Because of his experience Jeremiah laments his life, (read verses 7-8). He is saying that his life seems to be so futile and the message to fall on deaf ears and unhearing and uncaring people. He goes on to say, (read ~~verses~~ vs 10).

Here the people put the very name he said would be given to Pashhur to Jeremiah.

This was a real insult to him, or considered to be so. He knows that there are those who are looking for his downfall but he comes to the point of stating

that God can and will do, (verses 11-12). He comes to the point where he can

cry out, "Praise the Lord," vs 13. But his pain and torment or the remembrance of it causes him to revert back to a cry of frustration, verses 14-18.

But in all of this he comes back to the point and we read this in verse 9,

that he cannot possibly keep quiet. He must speak God's message regardless of the consequences. Regardless of what man may do to him. Regardless of the humility he must suffer. It is burning with ^{IN} him like a "Bonfire."

I would believe that every preacher at some time or another has felt this same way. The desire is there to say, "What's the use?" But it is impossible to remain silent because that message of God is down inside in the innermost being and it is burning like a fire in the bones and it must come forth.

One of the advantages of an extended vacation is the time to be used for personal reflection. This is one thing I always look forward to. It gives me a time in which I can take private inventory and be alone with God. But it always brings out the inadequacies you have and face.

One thing that perhaps gives us more humor than anything else is the errors which come forth in papers and magazines. Here is a short list of them.

(Illustration of advertisements appearing in various papers).

These are misunderstandings that are harmless. But have you ever been misunderstood in what you have said or done? I am sure that everyone ^{has} ~~is~~ at one time or another. We can sort of understand then what Jeremiah was going through. Here he was striving to help these people by giving them the message directly from God and they could not, or perhaps we should say, "Would not," hear that message. In fact, they lashed out in anger and wished him for it.

I know of several families, (not of this congregation), who are undergoing tremendous problems. Separations, divorces, husbands and wives at complete odds. Children drinking, in trouble and the list goes on. But they cannot see what is the root cause. ~~They have been experienced in this~~ They have had the benefit of a concerned pastor, but he is laughed at. Several of them have called him, "The Billy Graham of blank church." The frustration of that pastor has been like that of Jeremiah. He too has seen those around him making fun, and jeering. But like Jeremiah ~~he~~ although he has been encouraged by his inner thoughts and feelings to remain silent he cannot, for there is that fire in his bones. And so he preaches as he is led by God.

But you see we are speaking of human beings, mere men. We need to understand that the sorrow of Jeremiah and anyone who has ever felt this way is actually an echo of how God Himself feels as He sees His people continuing to ignore His message and going on in sin and unbelief. Think how it must grieve our Lord to see His goodness rejected and worldliness take its place.

The burden to share this message must continue to be conveyed by loving pastors. (Illustration of B.M. Jarroll and preachers feeling the responsibility)

I can understand what he was trying to say because there is always that burden for the lost, and the seeming futility sometimes of those who don't want to hear or listen. I want to convey to you what Jesus Christ has done in my life and what He can do in yours. But this isn't possible if you want to tune that out. I feel a burning within my very bones to share this message even when I don't really want to. Once again, I have come home with that fire in my bones to begin a new Church Year and to be about the business of our ~~Father~~ Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Do you have that fire in your bones? Do you feel

that burden for the lost? For those in need? Are you willing to begin to fill the wants and needs of this congregation in a community that sorely needs to know the love of God through Jesus Christ? Do you know what it is to feel unable to contain yourself because the love of Jesus Christ is burning within ~~in~~ you?

If not you need to pray that God will give you ~~that burning~~ that "Bonafire". This should be the prayer of each of us today and every day. Like Jeremiah, may all of us come to that point today where we can say, "SUN IF I SAY, 'I WILL NOT REMEMBER HIM OR BEREANYMORE IN MY MIND,' THEN IN MY MIND IS BURNING LIKE A BURNING FIRE SET UP IN MY SOUL; AND I AM AFRAID OF HOLDING IT IN, AND I CAN'T REMEMBER IT."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Sept. 21, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
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Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Beth Hartley, Julie Vargo, - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Fantasia" Pachelbel
*Hymn No. 349 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Father, give us the Spirit
Your Son has promised us; to make us honest people
again; to know and face the truth; to see ourselves
and cease from laying our defections at your door; to
see your only goodness in our desperate need of you.
Forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology No. 382
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 430 "Reach out to Jesus"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response "Bow down Thine ear" Davis
Offering
Offertory Response No. 518
Anthem: "Spread Joy" Sleeth
Trumpet - Clayton N. Gsell
Scripture Psalm 52
Sermon: "Fork and Beans"
Sing Hymn No. 409 "Who is on the Lord's Side?"

*Benediction Choral Benediction "Alleluia!"
*Postlude "Voluntary in D" Avison
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sybert in Loving Memory - Ralph Cooper.
Serving as Ushers today are: Rob Vinroe, Robert Dellen,
Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Barb Vargo,
Julie and Amy.
Hospitalized: Danny Bosko - Pres. Pitts. Irene Holbain,
Mrs. Ann Weitzel, Mrs. Bernice Nicholas - BCMH.
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Hospital this week.
Tonight 6:30 - Teachers Training Class
Tonight 7:30 - Informal Worship Service which will be a
Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew. Bring your Bible.
Mon. - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented
Tues. - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is rented 8-7 - Volleyball
Thurs. - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented
Bring anything you have in after 9 on Thurs. for the
the auction on Friday night at 7:30 P.M. Bring items
to the Rehoboth Hall only to get in.
Wed. - 7-9 Choir Rehearsal. (Chancel)
We would like to thank Clayton Gsell for playing the
trumpet in this morning's anthem. He is a sonmore
at Westminster College. Mr. Gsell is a music Educa-
tion Major concentrating in voice.
Next Sunday - Hymnal Dedication.
Next Sunday - Our donations of cup cakes, Angel food
cake, cookies or ginger bread for Meals on Wheels.
Radio each Sunday 8:30 A.M. - WBUT AM/FM.
Next Sunday - Our Congregational Dinner - Fun - Fellow-
ship.
We still need Tomatoes for the Soup-at least 120 quarts.
Call Lois if you can donate any tomatoes.
Sat. - Sept. 27 - Conference room of Rehoboth Hall will
be used by Penn West Conference meeting from 10-3.
Oct. 5 - 11:00 - Communion; 7:30 - (altar) Communion.
If the stoles are in for the new Robes they will be
dedicated.
Elder and Mrs. Charles Fener will greet the Congregation
and visitors at the door this morning.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
OF SAGAMORE**

September 27, 1998

PASTOR RALPH LINK WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

GREETINGS AND JOYS OF THE WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

****HYMN**

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER AND PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 52

SERMON: "Fork and Beans"

****INVITATIONAL HYMN**

****BENEDICTION**

SO GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US.....

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. The invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you if you so desire.

**** Please stand**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
OF THE WEEK.....**

TALKING CABBAGE, VEG SOUP/APPLE BUTTER
SEE MAGGIE OR JOAN

* Please keep the BILO receipts coming every little bit adds up.

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

September 29-----Jennifer Lingenfelter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

TO ANYONE WHO WE MIGHT FORGET
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE.

HOWIE CANCER

LYNN

UPSON VEG, KATHIE

BILL - CANCER

MICHAEL

"Fork And Beans"

Scripture: Isalm 52; Texts: Is/ 52:1, 2,3-4,8,9

Lxal: Dav run from Saul; go 2 Nob; lie 2 Abimelech; ask food, weapon; Abim giv consec bread, Gol sword; Doc led herdsmen 3, O Dav; Dav go in? hid & escap 3.
 1. angry causd this & Brate soldiers; remind Dav no abl
 gi poses, mak ofiers & they no let him kno Jon/Dav
 Boeg O chanc mak pts & inform 3 this/ conspir
 1. sunon Abim & quest; Abim anser truth & 3 ordr killed
 ordr Boeg 2do & duz; cary furthr kil al pr Nob/fams
 Al this record 1 Jan 21-22, Dav inform by son Abim
 he lament this, beuz how causd this by lies etc.
 (Illus girl, fork & sinners)= Fikil bout this moment
 Arl=knu had mstr this & no excus & this no want do
 Bibl pt Bcuz G giv sumthin, no mean use all time
 Tong pt out this way, yet, sum think must wag
 All 4going bout Dav lead 2 Is 52-1, rt this soro 4
 lie & caus deth him, priests, families Nob
 Also knu sum? tol 3 & this caus prob
 (Illus indians & whit man speak fork tongue)
 This wat D v say Is 52=Fork tongue, spil beans
 vs 1=k Boeg, posit authorty, prid kno sumthin alone
 mus spil this & realy rt plac, rt tin=detaim sanc
 & prob ther 4 elons
 Frid mus B delt with-in shop, clas, hon, pulp, choir,
 woman exp, athletic field etc=ev puhur
 (Illus yng men sword & hom punctur prid) e need this
 vs 2=gossip & Dav say evil of it; gossip ruin mor live
 (Illus 3 Bak, wif childrn) but damag dun & no undo
 (Illus preachr, steep, pillow etc)
 even1 who gossip mus resolv stop & work at it
 tempt alway ther 2 get juicy bit news Mother & son
 mus not then but is a won only? kno it, wcl prid
 (Illus 3r really, tie 1 woman gossip)=
 was 3 & 4=Dav ask am error; we sumtin tel whit lie,
 or just no cowlet truth & sumtin whea appear write
 (Illus accident report Metro lif) & (poem bout this)
 mus remem 3 want truth & not falshood froa chil'ren
 Dav compar self 2 Boeg & concl reach V 3
 Dif Btween ur Oliv & 1 pro outsid=cultivat, trim etc
 This essenc Bridl tong, 1 hold chek
 Junes spk this & spk sho 4th blas & curs
 which cum from us?
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 BUT ALSO KEN SPOKE HAD BEEN HIM & HAD MOST HIS TONGUE STILL
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HAD SAYING "WHITE MAN CKE & FORKE TONGUE" - SED I THIN NO MOTHER
WY DA - SAY THIS BOUND CKE
MAN CKE IN STIMULUS THIS CKE
NO WY CKE STIMULUS KONG HIM SPILL TH/BEANS TO KING SAUL
WHILE WY WORK & WORK OF JOB WHO HAD BTH AN HIS IMPORTANCE
MOST TH/ OF THEM WAS MAN LIVING AT SABBATHARY IN NOB - CKE
BLIND SPILL MAN, ON MAN THIR 2ND CIRCLE
FROM WITH LIVING & MAN AT BT PLAC AT BT TIME & HAD BTH DRAG
AN MAN MAN IN DA THIS SHOW FORCE FINE, BEASTING
VS 18 THIS IS TH/CRITIC 2ND CKE & ONE FINE ==GOD IS ABOVE ALL
VS 20 WY SAY THIS IS TH/VAL OF GODSILE
THAT'S WHY MAN LOVE WITH ANYTH IN WORLD
(THIS MAN IN DA CKE, WEL & CHURCH & BOND KONG HIM)
TH/FRAME MAN WITH MAN & ABOUT 8 INCHES IN LK TH/PSACHE
THIR PSACHE CHURCH GODSILE, WELL FINE, STILL & PSACHE
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OF THE GODSILE
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 NOW CKE COME TO ANOTHER POINT IN THIS PRAM WE READ IN VERSES
 VS 21-22 IS SPEAKING FR/HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AS WELL
 TH/FRAME & TH/2 CKE HAD CALLED "LITTLE WHITE LIPS"
 NOT TH/FRAME, BUT JMS AN MAN IN ALL BATTLE
 (1) THAT'S WHY MAN LOVE WITH ANYTH IN WORLD
 VS 23-24 WITH A FINE BTH 2ND/3RD OF A LIP - READ THIS
 CKE THIR THIR FINE BTH FR/HIS CHILDREN
 VS 25-26 THIR CONTACT WITH 1/2 CKE
 CKE 1. THIR CKE BTH IN HORN OF ROSE
 TO BTH FR/HIS CHILD, BTH THIR & BOND CKE WILD
 THIS IN FRAME IS A BATTLE BOND, CKE THIR IN CKE
 JMS IN FRAME TH/FRAME KONG CKE 4th BLESSING & CURSING
 WITH CKE BTH
 VS 27-28 CKE IS 2/3 CKE VS 29-30 CKE
 VS 31-32 CKE THIR 4th FRATS IN ALIXITY GOD
 (1) THIR BTH BTH (WY OF FRAT)
ON LIFE MAN BTH IN FRAME
VS 33-34 CKE THIR FRATS IN FRAME OF DO
VS 35-36 CKE THIR BY ANOTHER TH/FRAME TONGUE & BLEWING WE
VS 37-38 CKE
VS 39-40 A BATTLE LIF FRAME, & WAT WE SAY & DO BTH GLOSY
WY WAT

SCROLL: PG 52; SERMON: "FORK AND SPANS"

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"Fort and Beyond"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 21

David, who was ~~xx~~ at a later time to become the greatest king in the history of Israel was reduced to the point of being a fugitive. He was running for his very life because his father-in-law ~~xxx~~ King Saul sought to kill him. He fled to the city of Nob. It was the city which became known as the "City of Priests." Here, many of the priests made their homes. When David came to the sanctuary in Nob he was met by the priest Ahimelech. He inquired why David came alone, and David informed him he was on a mission for the king, which was lie. And he requested food for the men who were with him. At this point Ahimelech gave David the consecrated bread set aside for sacerdotal worship and gave him the sword of Goliath as a weapon which he later for.

While these events were taking place a man named Doeg, the chief herdsman for King Saul was there. He observed all of this and made a note of it.

So David made good his escape from Saul and this made King Saul very angry. He expressed his anger to his servants who were with him and let them know that he was unhappy with their actions. He reminded them that David could not give them possessions, or make them officers in his army and yet, they did not inform him when Jonathan and David conspired together so David could escape from Saul.

Hearing this, Doeg the servant of Saul who had been a witness to David being helped by the priest Ahimelech at Nob, decided that now was the time to make points with the king. So he informed Saul what he had seen and heard. Saul sent for the priest and all of ~~xxxxx~~ the priests at Nob. He questioned ~~xxx~~ Ahimelech about this and accused him of treason because he let David go.

Ahimelech replied to Saul that David was one of Saul's most trusted servants, and furthermore he didn't know what Saul was saying at this point. You see, Ahimelech had been lied to by David and therefore he thought everything was on the up and up.

At this point Saul ordered his guards to kill the priests. But they would not.

e ordered Joeg to do it and he slaughters the priest and kills 15 of them.

But he carried this one step further for he went to Job and utterly destroyed all of the families of the priests and their livestock or so he thought. The son of Ahimelech's escaped and he fled to find David. When he did, he reported to David what had happened and David laments over this because he knew his actions had brought about the slaughter of these innocent people. These incidents are found in 1 Samuel the 21st and 22nd chapters.

(Illustration of little girl, problem with fork, and says, "Fingers were made before forks." She answers, "mine weren't.")

"Think about that for a moment. The reply she gave has a profound meaning which may not surface at first. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Her Dad was giving her permission to not use her fork and to eat with her fingers. He passed it off that people ate with their fingers long before forks were invented. But she gives a classic answer, "My fingers weren't made before forks," thus implying that was no excuse not to use the fork. Involved here is the underlying idea of not striving to master something, because you can always fall back on the theory that you really don't have to because there are other means at your disposal. ~~This is the underlying theme of what transpired in the lives of the men of Israel and caused David to write the 52nd Psalm~~

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The Bible points out to us that because God has given us certain things it does not mean we must exercise them to the fullest extent. One member of the body is singled out as the biggest offender and this is the tongue. But some people are of the opinion that since God gave us a tongue it must always be wagging. This is the basis for the underlying theme which prompted David to write the 52nd Psalm. He knew of his own weakness and he knew that he had used his tongue to give false testimony and this in turn brought about the deaths of Himelech and all of the other priests of Nob. But he was also aware that someone who had seen him at Nob went back to King Saul and had used his tongue to spill the beans about Himelech and David. The American Indians soon learned after the white man came to America that he

could not be trusted too far. One of their sayings was, "White man speaks with
_orked tongue." This meant he said one thing and did another. David was say-
ing this about Doeg. And he speaks of 5 tongues in this Psalm, so we are speak-
ing of 5 forks employed by Doeg to spill the beans to King Saul.

In verse 1 he ^{asks} ~~xxxx~~, "Why boastest thou?" Look at Doeg. He was the chief herda-
man of Saul. He may have taken great pride in his position and now to further
enhance that position he had to show he was over and above the other servants
of Saul. It was a matter of being out in front of the pack. But with all of
this pride of knowing what others did not, he wasn't going to admit that at
this point he happened to be at the right place at the right time in order to
know all of this. Scripture tells us there was a man detained at the sanctuary
in Nob. This meant that he was either there because he was fulfilling a vow,
or he had to be there until he was cleansed. It is more likely that he was
fulfilling the time set aside for cleansing and therefore he was ~~xx~~ showing ~~xxix~~
pride when in fact he was just at the right place at the right time. But pride
blinds the eyes and deceives the heart and mind. There is pride in the shop,
in the classroom, in the pulpit, on the athletic field, in the choir, and in
every area of life. It must be dealt with and recognized for what it is, and
done away with.

(Illustration of young man getting award and mother puncturing his pride)

In verse 2, (read this), David is saying ~~xxxx~~ this is the evil of gossip.
Gossip ruins more lives than anything else in this world.

(Illustration of man in North China, wife and children hung because of it).
But the damage was done and could not be undone.

(Illustration of preacher and gossip of congregation, steeple, pillow etc).

The only thing which can be done is for the one who gossips, to resolve to stop
doing so. But the temptation is always there to get that juicy bit of news
out to others and this also swells the pride in us.

(Illustration of John Wesley and woman and tie, and her tongue).

David says in the 3rd and 4th verses, (read these), and he is speaking from his

Then someone else wrote a little poem about this, (Illustration of this)

will compare him self to Doe and in the comparison come to the conclusion

tree in the House of the Lord and one growing outside is that of cultivation.

and in need of care. This in essence would be a "billion" more, one that is

It also says that from the same mouth come forth blessings and curtings. high

David closes this psalm with the words, "I will praise Thee forever." He is speaking of a tongue showing forth praise to Almighty God.

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Our lives should be spent in the same way. We are to show forth our praise to God by each and everything we do. We can best do this by avoiding the forked tongue and believing we must always spill the beans. God wants a disciplined life. From what we do and say should glorify Him daily.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Hymnal Dedication Sunday September 27, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Beth Hartley, Julie Vargo - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Hymn Medley"
*Processional Hymn No. 325 "All hail the power of Jesus'
*Ascription name!"
*Prayers of Confession Page 423
*Assurance of Pardon Page 424
*Praise
*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's Name be praised.
*Doxology No. 382
Who's Who In the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 56 "God Will Take Care of You"
Prayer
Prayer Response "Bow Down Thine Ear" Davis
Offering
Offertory Response No. 515
Dedication of Hymnals
Anthem: "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show" Pooler
Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:20-30
Sermon: "PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT"
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
*Hymn No. 363 "To God Be the Glory"
*Benediction - Choral Benediction - "Alleluia"
*Choral Benediction
*Postlude Variations on "Ellacombe"
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar were given by
Paul and Betty Pfabe in honor of their daughter
Linda's Wedding - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Miller.
Serving as Ushers today are *Richard Mangel,
Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Hospitalized: Danny Bosko - Pres. Hosp. - Pitts.;
Mrs. Ann Weitzel, Mrs. Irene Holbein, Mrs. Bernice
Nicholas.
The attendance last Sunday was 185.
Bob Dellen will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Karen Hartley
and Valerie Hartley.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Harbison will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door today.
Tonight 5:30 - Congregational Dinner. We will honor
Senior Christians - they do not have to bring anything
to eat. Dave McMillin will be MC. Entertainment will
be provided as well as other surprises. Bring enough
food to cover for those who are not required to do so.
Monday - 7:00 - Budget and Finance Committee meeting.
Monday - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented
Tuesday - 6-8 - Rehoboth Hall is rented; 8-9 Volleyball.
Wednesday - 7:30 - Council meeting.
Thursday - The Newsletter will be published - please
have everything in by Wednesday.
Thursday - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall is rented.
Thursday-After 9:00 P.M. Please bring items for the
Auction to be held on Friday at 7:30 P.M. Come only
to the ramp on Walker Ave. - Rehoboth Hall entrance.
Next Sunday - October 5 will be Holy Communion -
11:00 - (Pew); 7:30 - (Altar): Bible Study following.
Karen Link is serving as Chairman of the Reservations
Committee - if anyone would like to help Karen - please
call her or let her know today. *Mr. & Mrs. Miller*
Gottlob Kradel would like to thank Rev. Link and the
Congregation for their Prayers, get well cards, and
flowers while he was in the Hospital.
Oct. 14 - Tues. - Soup and Salad Day. Tickets are
available at \$2.50 from the Circle Chairmen and the
Office. Tickets are available at the door for children.
Carrots and onions are still needed. Ladies don't
forget to work on your bazaar items.
There are still a few copies of those who donated
hymnals on Bea's desk. If you would like to have
a copy ask her for it.
Our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Miller who were
married yesterday.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF SAGAMORE

October 11, 1998

PASTOR RALPH LINK WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

GREETINGS AND JOYS OF THE WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

**HYMN-----To God Be the Glory-----# 363

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY

PRAYER AND PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN-----When Morning Gilds the Skies-----# 322

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 29:20-30

SERMON: "Practice Makes Perfect"

INVITATIONAL-----Have Thine Own Way Lord-----#400

BENEDICTION

SO GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US...

At the close of the service, the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. The invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray, to meditate, or to seek counseling. The altar is open to everyone. The Pastor will assist you, if you so desire.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK...

- **October 16, 1998:** Help is needed to peel apples and make applesauce. Planning to start at 9 am, but plan to come anytime during the day.
- **October 17, 1998:** Early! Early! Early! Apple butter making will start as early as possible. Feel free to come and help whenever you can.
- **October 24, 1998:** The Octoberfest will be held from 11 am to 5 pm. Come and enjoy homemade apple butter and vegetable soup. Food will be served throughout the day. Also, local craftsmen will be displaying their handiwork. It promises to be a day filled with fun and fellowship.
- Orders can still be taken for vegetable soup and apple butter. *X GET THERE*

Happy Birthday...

October 14-----Margaret Bailey

October 16-----Melissa Mikeska

Happy Anniversary...

Don & Margaret Bailey-----October 17

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Forgiving means to pardon the unpardonable.
Faith means believing the unbelievable,
and hoping means to hope when things are hopeless."

BLANOVITZ FAMILY - MICHIGAN

Среднегодовая сумма платежей - 11,1000

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- NAME: [REDACTED]
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"Practice Makes Perfect"

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:29-30

Text: 2 Chronicles 29:27b

King Hezekiah was 16 years of age when he began to reign as the king of Judah. He inherited a kingdom which was disorganized and under a heavy burden to pay tribute to Assyria. He started his reign with a reformation. This reformation began by the destruction of the idols King Ahaz had set up. He then began to work on the cleansing of the Temple. In the very first month of the first year of his reign he re-opened the doors of the Temple and repaired them. He knew the importance of coming to God and worshipping Him. His workmen removed the dirt and filth and debris which had been allowed to accumulate within the Temple area. Where grass and weeds had sprung up in the pavements and the courtyards, there was now a renewed cleanliness which was conducive to the worship of God. When all of this was done the priests and Levites came to the king to report it, vs 18-19.

in our Scripture
then we read that Hezekiah called the rulers and leaders to gather to go to the House of the Lord. But they brought with them the necessary bulls, rams, lambs and goats for the sacrifice. While the priests were getting the sacrifices ready for the worship, he assembled the Levites who played instruments as they had been commanded ~~xxxxx~~ by King David and the prophets Gad and Nathan. But also the people were assembled to sing. So we read in verse 27, (read this) Thus the worship of God began and continued, (read vs 28-30).

What is worship? What causes worship? Why do we need it anyhow? During the depression in India there were a group of struggling missionaries.

(Illustration of these missionaries, the Indian people & sacrifice/service)

This is what caused the Israelites to worship; this is what caused these Indian people to worship. "When the offering began, the song of the Lord began also."

But we don't sacrifice animals as our offerings, in fact not too many people are making a sacrifice in their giving. Yet, this is what God points out ~~xxxxx~~

~~xxxxx~~ in His Word that sacrifice brings about worship. We are talking about a duty which should be a part of everyone's life. The worship should contain sacrifice. The sacrifice of ourselves, our money, our talents, our abilities

for God's use. This means the giving of our voices in praise and thanksgiving as well. But we equate all of this with the ~~abilities~~ voices we either think we have or do not have.

(Illustration of French monks and good singer as guest)

God is not listening for the most beautiful voice in the congregation and passing out failing marks on the voices that are not good. ~~xxxx~~ We do not find recorded in the Bible that you must have a flawless voice to sing to the Lord. Nor do we find it stated that we must be in the mood for singing His praises in order to do so. Yet, this is what some people try to pass off as reasons for not singing. We should come prepared to worship each Sunday morning whether we want to or not. We should have spent the time before we come to worship in preparation for it. We should have been praying for the service that it would help to change hearts and lives as God wants it to. We should have been praying for the pastor that God would speak through him in the prayers, the Scripture and the morning's message. We should have been praying for the organist that God would bring forth the music which will uplift us and direct our thoughts to true worship. We should have been praying for the choir that they would not only sing as they should, but they would serve in this capacity as a ministry in the congregation. We should have been praying that God would take each part of the service and use it for His Glory and not ours. Do you do that? Or better yet, have you ever done that? If we would each strive to do so we wouldn't be so concerned that perhaps the hymns were not quite to our liking today or some other Sunday, or the message didn't ~~xxxxxxx~~ refer to us, but referred instead to old Mr. So and So. *(IUS GIP SHU FOR A QUARTER)* We need to realize that our duty required of us ~~xx~~ by God is to worship Him and use the voices we have to sing His praises. But we may ask why God requires this of us and that is a good question. You may have heard of the Westminster Confession, and it is the confession which is supposed to be that which the United Presbyterian church is founded upon. The opening question of that Confession is, "What is the chief end of man?" The answer is, "Man's chief end in life is to glorify God and His Son Jesus Christ and to love Him forever."

Perhaps you may have never thought along the lines of eternity and what is to be found there. It is usually a subject many people avoid because it reminds them that we are all heading toward a date with God in His eternal kingdom. But you see, we need to realize that this life we live is merely the practice field upon which we prepare ourselves for eternity. It is here that we form some of the associations which will merely continue in another direction in eternity. We were created to glorify God in all of life. Had Adam chosen to resist the power of evil there would be no death and we would have no need of passing through it. We would be enjoying right now, eternity with God. But we will spend eternity glorifying God. And how do you suppose we will do that? In John's Revelation in the 4th chapter we read, (read vs 10-11). In the 5th chapter we read in the 11th through the 13th verses, (read this). This should tell us that a portion of what we do in eternity will be to worship and glorify God. At that time God will have given to each of His children perfect voices to sing with. So take heart if you feel your voice is not what it should be. But use it, whether you think it is good or not ^{to} glorify God as we worship Him here on earth. Practice now, so that you and I will be able to sing perfectly in eternity.

But there is one other reason we should sing and lift our hearts and voices in praise to Almighty God. This is because the very singing of His praises lifts our hearts out of the everyday ordinary lives and we dwell on things eternal in God's presence. Worship on the Lord's Day should be a time of refreshing and not anger, or hatred, or other things we bring into His House on Sunday. All of those worldly things should be dropped outside the door and we should look for our spirits to be lifted within us by God's Holy Spirit coming into these lives as we stand before Him. We should come to worship and expect something and we should receive it each week and never be disappointed by not receiving it. But because so many of us enter the Lord's service half-heartedly or disheartedly, we hinder God's Holy Spirit from coming into all of our lives. We should come expectantly, enter it whole-heartedly, and depart filled with the Love of God and His Spirit.

(Illustration of Toscanini and Beethoven is everything)

need to echo this as we worship God. Except, our exclamation should be, "God is everything." We should know this, and feel it, and be searching for it each time we come together in Jesus' Name.

Like Ezekiah, we need to remove the dirt and grime, the grass and the weeds from these bodies and lives we call the Temple of God. And we need to replace those things with the true worship of God. Cleanse the house of the Lord. Remove all of the uncleanness by self-examination and confession to Him. Offer the sin-offering for the past, prepare the burnt offering of consecration of self for the future. And when you have determined to be wholly His, lay all of your self-interests at the feet of Jesus, and then the song can begin. The music for many of us is stilled because we ^{are} out of the will of God and out of the record of what He wants for us. When we lay our selfish sinful selves prostrate before Him, then the song will begin again. May it be with us, as it was with Ezekiah and the Israelites; when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
World Wide Communion Sunday October 5, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Brian Hollefreund, Renea Brown - Acolytes

COMMUNION SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Do Minore" Troppmann

*Call to Worship - Page 388

*Processional Hymn No. 387 "We gather together"

*Ascription

*Thanksgiving No. 396 A General Thanksgiving

*Old Testament Lesson No. 23

Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*New Testament Lesson No. 280

HF Who's Who in the Pew

*Announcements

*Offering

*Offertory Anthem "A Hymn of Joy We Sing" Off. Resp. 515

Anthem "Here, O My Lord"

Sermon: "LOVE FROM ASHES"

Communion Hymn No. 564 "Let us break bread together"

*The Service of Holy Communion

*The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession - Page 418

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Institution and Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Supper

Distribution of the Bread

Distribution of the Cup

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Hymn of Thanks No. 270

*Benediction

*Postlude "Prelude in G Major" Bach

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The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed

by Mrs. Louis Zubick in loving memory of her

"Husband" Louis Zubick.

Serving as Ushers today are the Deacons and Elders

that will also serve Communion.

If you would like to have your Comm. card returned to your Church put either Pastor's name or Church name on it. Nursery will be provided today by it.

Voting registration forms can be signed today - Narthex. Lloyd Link and Dave McMillin will be visiting the Hospital this week.

Hospitalized: Mrs. Bernice Nicholas, *1223 H. & D. St. Franklin*
Mrs. Betty Carney

Tonight - 7:30 - Holy Communion (Altar)

Tonight - following the Service - Bible Study and at 8:30 - Teacher's Training

Monday - 7:30 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle meeting in the Kitchenette

Monday - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall

Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall; 8-? Volleyball

Thurs. - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall

Friday - 8 - ARC Weiner Roast at Harry Fry's - Bring your own hot dogs and buns.

Saturday - The Apple Butter Pots will need stirring come early. Bring your containers on Sunday to take your apple butter home. By the way we need help also on Friday getting the apples ready.

Tuesday Oct. 14, Soup and Salad Day - Tickets can be purchased at \$2.50 from a number of women in the Church or in the office. Contact Lois Wogan if you can donate onions, carrots, and fresh peppers or tomatoes for salads. Keep working on your bazaar items. If you would like to help and haven't been contacted please see Evie Kennedy.

Lake Erie Association Meeting (Ladies). Now is time to make arrangements to go Oct. 29, St. Paul's Home in Greenville. See notice in the Newsletter. Contact your Circle Chairman (all the Women in the Church are invited) Lois, Wogan, Joan Campbell, or Sara Snow (Chairman) Carpools can be made up to help share expenses.

There were 187 in Church last Sunday.

We are falling behind in our Budget for 1980. We had to borrow money from the Benov. Treas. to pay bills for the month of September. The Church cannot run on air, - sorry to say.

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"Love From Ashes"

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11; Hosea 14:4b-9

Cites: Hosea 14:4b; Romans 5:10, 11

It was a beautiful late fall evening on November 14, 1940. The full moon was shining brightly in a cloudless sky. The French countryside was quickly left behind as the first wave of German bombers began to cross the English Channel on their way to a rendezvous with an unsuspecting sleeping city in England. At 8:00 P.M. the first bombs began to fall on the city of Coventry and continued for 14 hours as 450 tons of bombs rained on the city and people from 467 ~~sixteen~~ planes. That night, the entire city went up in flames. Over 800 people were injured and surprisingly only 580 were killed. The intensity of the air raid & the dense population of over 500,000 made this a surprising statistic. But of those 580 killed, 155 were so badly mangled and smashed they were buried in a common grave.

But along with the other devastation that night the only English cathedral to be completely destroyed was the Cathedral of St. Michael of the Church of England. When the burning was brought under control all that remained were parts of the exterior walls, the tower and steeple. In just a few hours what had been a house of worship for over 500 years was utterly destroyed.

It was perhaps at this point in the planning of the minds of men that it was determined that when the occasion arose retaliation would take place by the Royal Air Force. ~~Thuxxixxxxxxbhxixxxxixkxxsixxytghxhnxhhfzayxxxxxallbut~~
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~~KFEEK:KHAXWAX~~ The man who was the leading clergyman for the cathedral at this time, inscribed on the stone behind the altar at the front of the destroyed cathedral, "Father Forgive." A ~~XXXXX~~ simple cross made of two pieces of the charred roof beams was made and placed on that altar. In front of this was placed a cross ~~XX~~ fashioned from two of the large nails which held the roof beams in place.

In 1958 the new Provost, or Superintendent of the cathedral came to Coventry to begin his ministry there. Plans were underway to erect a new cathedral on the site. At this time a substantial gift was received from West Germany for this

purpose. But the attitude of the British people was expressed in the newspapers telling that the ~~new~~ new Provost was receiving blood money for the rebuilding. So he decided that ~~in~~ in order to show the appreciation of the British people he would go ~~in~~ throughout Germany preaching the message of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. But he soon discovered that in almost every church or cathedral he preached ~~in~~ he was asked the question, "What about Dresden?" He didn't know what they were talking about and so he inquired for the answer. The answer proved to be one ~~which~~ he would rather ~~have~~ have not heard.

~~xxxxxx~~ In the spring of 1945 when Germany was all but defeated 300 bombers of the Royal Air Force conducted an air raid on the city of Dresden. This was an industrial city in what is now East Germany which was about the size of the city of Coventry, England. The town was completely leveled, but with it about 135,000 people were killed. This is more than the number killed by the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima where 100,000 were killed. This should give us an understanding of the intensity of this raid using conventional bombs. Of these people, most were refugees ~~xxxxxx~~ who had fled to Dresden for refuge from the atrocities being committed by the Russians in cities where the Russians had taken over.

When The Rev. Williams learned this information he began to take some positive steps to implement a ministry of reconciliation. A group of young people were sent to Dresden and there they built a hospital for the German people. In return a group of German students came to Coventry and ~~xxxx~~ rebuilt the vestries of the old cathedral. A new cathedral was erected right next to the still standing ruins of the old one. It is a sight to behold to see the one ~~damaged~~ destroyed, and the new one right beside it. It has created a world wide ministry of reconciliation which is symbolized by "The Cross of nails." If you would like to see a replica of this, Shirley is wearing her cross necklace this morning. This ministry has chapters in many principal cities throughout the world. In the United States there are chapters in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Alabama.

But with a major exception. -2-

Here is a parallel to God. God created man out of His love to share eternity with Him. He gave man the use of everything which He had made. All man had to do was to love God in return and to share His fellowship. But man showed his love by turning his back on God. This caused a separation or alienation. But God wasn't content to have that alienation continue and so He sought to reconcile man to Himself. Time after time He provided for this with Judges, Prophets, Kings, more prophets, priests and others. But all of this was to no avail. All this time man was acting like an enemy to God and what He wanted for man.

Through the prophet Hosea He said, "I will love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them." He was indicating that He wanted to be reconciled to them. But this message fell on deaf and unhearing ears.

As a final way to reconcile man to Himself He came to earth in the form of another human and this was Jesus Christ. This was God in the flesh and His purpose was to live among us sharing life as we know it, showing us how we can live and what we should do and be. But to prove the authenticity of this act He had to sacrifice Himself on our behalf. He had to take our sins upon Himself and thus complete that act of reconciliation. This is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. As final proof that this had taken place He arose from the dead and appeared and walked among men.

But you see the difference here between man's actions and those of God. Man has something done to him and so he retaliates in like manner. God has something done to him and he reacts with love. This is what Paul is striving to point out to the people in the church at Rome. He said, (read verses 12 & 13). Here is the meaning and purpose of the cross. Here is to be found the purpose of coming to the Lord's Table. It is to continue that act of reconciliation. It is to make us aware that the relationship still continues, it doesn't end. With man it is the opposite. One man does something to another, the other man retaliates. When perhaps they may be reconciled and forgive one another. But let one of them do something to the other and the remembrance of any forgiveness or reconciliation is over and done with. It is open warfare again.

But with God this is not so. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. God has sought us and reconciled us to Himself through the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We continue to sin and turn our backs on Him, and still He seeks to reconcile us to Himself.

This is the purpose of the Lord's Supper. We come each time remembering His sacrifice for us. But we also come to renew that reconciliation which takes place when we examine our lives and discover we need His continual forgiveness.

(Illustration of Pastor as boy, bread, and mother, "My son, are your hands clean
Let us ask this of ourselves today. Are my hands clean so I can handle this
body and blood?

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Dianne Zavacky, Chris Andrews - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "La minore" Troppmann
*Hymn No. 322 "When morning gilds the skies"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "O Lord, Our Father, we come to you as a people who are a part of the community of believers. We seek your guidance for we know that the Church cannot exist without it. Forgive each member of your Church for their individual and corporate sins. Keep us true to the commitment of upbuilding the Church throughout the world. Keep us from the divisions that separate us from others. And always keep us steadfast in your love, in Jesus name. Amen."
*Kyrie (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
*Praise
*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology No. 382
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 35 "There is a place of quiet rest"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray
Prayer and Prayer Response "Bow Down Thine Ear" Davis
Offering
Offertory Response No. 518
Anthem: "St. Anne" Croft
Scripture 2 Samuel 14:28-33

Sermon: "ARSON ATTRACTS ATTENTION"
Closing Hymn No. 432 "Softly and tenderly"
*Benediction Choral Benediction "Alleluia"
*Postlude "B dur" Sorge (1703-1778)

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mrs. Uldene Dodds in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: *Rob Vinroe, Robert Dellen, Randy Dellen, Brian Kennedy. A KITCHENETTE
Tonight - 6:30 - Teachers Training - followed by Bible Study - bring your Bibles. GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class meeting in Kitchenette - Undercroft.
Monday - 6-9 - Rehoboth Hall - Aerobics
Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall; 8- Volleyball
Thurs. - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall
Coming Up!! - Costume Party - Wed. 29th - dress as your favorite animal of the Ark. Time 7:00-8:30 P.M.
EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-9 - CHOIR REHEARSAL
Hospitalized: Mrs. Mabel Lippold, Dorothy Forcht - BCMH.
Irene Holbein - St. Francis, Pgh.
Next Month - Our Church is in Charge of wheel-chair patients at Dethon - See Bill Pflugh if you can help out.
William Ohl and Chuck Penar will be visiting the Hospital this week.
WBUT - 8:30 A.M. - Each Sunday morning - Listen to the Joyful Word - you will hear some familiar voices - Rev. Link and Paul Pfabe.
The Budget will be gone over the first Sunday of November. also a copy of the Constitution will be gone over.
There is a petition in the Nartex that certainly is in need of your signature. This petition is against the intrusion of Pornography into our community and it needs to be stopped now.
Elder and Mrs. Harry Fry will greet the Congregation at the door today.
Nursery will be provided today
We will be taking new members into the Church (tentively Nov. 23rd), if you know of anyone interested in becoming a member - contact Rev. Link.

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Homecoming Service October 12, 1980

Prelude - "O Rest In The Lord" Mendelssohn
"Come Ye Blessed" Gaul

Greetings and Concerns

Ringin' of the Church Bells

*In the Name of the Father, of the Son
Of the Holy Spirit. (Amen)

*Call to Celebration and Worship
L. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us
kneel before the Lord our Maker
C. For He is our God, and we are the people
of his hand and the sheep of his pasture.
L. O come let us sing unto the Lord, our God!
C. Let us make a joyful noise to the
Rock of our salvation.

*Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*Hymn of Praise - No. 475 "Sweet hour of prayer"

Scripture Lesson: II Samuel 14: 28-33

*Gloria Patri

*The Apostles' Creed

Anthem - "In The Garden" Miles-Wilson

The Silent Prayer

The Morning Prayer

Prayer Response (# 501)

The Offering

Offertory Anthem - "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind"
Richolson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

Sermon Hymn No. 467 "I love to tell the story"

The Sermon "ARSON ATTRACT ATTENTION"
Rev. Ralph Link

The Lord's Prayer

*The Closing Hymns No. 472 "What a friend"
No. 479 "There is a green hill"
No. 464 "Dwell in me"

*The Benediction

*Choral Prayer - "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
(Congregation singing - Verse only, and Amen)

Postlude - "Postlude In A" Boely

DEPART IN JOY AND PEACE

We will use all 3 gospel songs at the conclusion of
the service

We welcome friends, neighbors, members and former members
to our Annual Homecoming Service. Everyone is requested
to register today so we can acknowledge your presence
and invite you to come again to Allegheny Church.

We warmly welcome Rev. Ralph Link to our Homecoming
Celebration. He is a former member of St. Paul's

Church on East Street. We are happy to have him as our speaker. He is the pastor of St. Paul's Church, Butler, Pa. His mother, Mrs. Minnie Link, is a member of Allegheny Church.

A Sunday School Staff and Teachers Meeting will be held at the home of Richard and Fern Wagner this coming Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. All teachers planning to attend are requested to meet at Allegheny Church by 7:15 p.m. Transportation will be provided. Plan to attend.

Womens Division of the Pittsburgh Association will hold their Fall Retreat in our church on Tuesday, October 21 Paul Aloyi will be the Retreat Leader and Charles Limpar will serve as the Devotional Leader.

The Memorial Fund has received gifts in memory of Mr. Wilmer Knab from:

Walter G. Kampas	Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ekas	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Maley

Altar flowers are placed today by Mrs. Sarah Dahlinger in memory of departed loved ones

The balance in the Save Our Church Fund is \$1565.70 plus the \$10,000 certificate. Your continued support of this fund will be appreciated.

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, October 15th

During the past month, several areas of the Sanctuary have been repaired and painted. This was a very costly project and has depleted the Building Repair Fund. In order to maintain the building, we find it is necessary to ask for your help to replenish the Building Repair Fund. Envelopes have been placed in the pews for this reason. Please sign or indicate your offering envelope number on these so the office can give you proper credit.

Today's Anthems .

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is
still on the roses,
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the
Son of God discloses. Refrain

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so
sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me within my
heart is ringing. Refrain

Refrain

And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for He is kind;
For His mercies will endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He, with all-commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light.
For His mercies will endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need;
For His mercies will endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF SAGAMORE

October 18, 1998

PASTOR RALPH LINK WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

GREETINGS AND JOYS OF THE WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

**HYMN-----Leaning on the Everlasting Arms----- # 87

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY

PRAYER AND PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN ----- At The Cross ----- # 95

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 14:28-33

SERMON: "Arson Gets Attention"

**INVITATIONAL HYMN--When We All Get To Heaven--#123

**BENEDICTION

SO GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US.....

At the close of the service the invitation is extended to each worshipper to respond to God's leading for your life. The invitation gives the opportunity to accept Christ, to pray to the Holy Spirit, to seek counseling. The invitation is open to everyone and Pastor will assist you if you so desire.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE WEEK....

- * **October 24, 1998:** The Octoberfest will be held from 11am To 5pm. Come and enjoy homemade apple butter and Vegetable soup. Food will be served throughout the day. Also, local craftsmen will be displaying their handiwork. It promises to be a day filled with fun and fellowship.
- * **October 25, 1998:** Daylight Savings Time. Fall Back one hour at 2:00am.
- * **November 15, 1998:** A special offering will be taken for purpose of finishing the windows. ✓
- * **November 22, 1998:** Thanksgiving dinner following the Church service. ✓
- * Please keep the BLO receipts coming every little bit adds up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

October 24 Floyd Leydig

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

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 2. What are the variables in the experiment?
 3. What is the hypothesis of the experiment?
 4. What are the results of the experiment?
 5. What is the conclusion of the experiment?

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THE "MONTAGNA" I THINK AGAIN & AGAIN, ONLY 6 EMP HAZARD ARMS

"TO BE LOVED & ACCEPTED" "KID OF FORGIVENESS FROM YOUR FATHER"

SCRIP: 2 SAM 14:28-33; SERMON: "ARSON GETS ATTENTION"

(THIS SUMONE SED BOUT FAMILY LIFE TWACHING EATLNG, ETC)

THIS MORN WIL IK AT FAMILY THAT FAL APART AT SEAMS 4VARIUS REASNS
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GET ON HIGHLY ON HIS OWN, BUT THIS NOT ENOF

PERHAP FEEL WANTR PART OF FAMLY & AFTR 2YR, WANTR BAK HOME

KNU MAN WHO CUD ADANG & THAT JOAB

JOAB COMMAND-IN-CHIEF DAV'S ARMY & TRUSTD BY TH/KING

VS 20-30=AR WAIT PATIENTLY JOAB NO DISCORD, NOW HAV NOTHR IDEA

2OL SEEMZ CUD JOAB FELD AFTR & THYU DIT SO

V 31=CALMLY PRATR, BUT THINK JOAB ANGRY & SHOUT "AR WHY, ETC???

V 32=AR EXIL & IS ASK JOAB B INTERCESSOR TWEN HIM & FATHER

VS 33=JOAB CARY OUT AR'S WISHES

THIS STORY LK OF PRODIGAL SON

BTW IF MAK UP THIS STORY & ALL TH/WORLD 2WHESEN AGE WE C IT

STORY OF GOD & MANKIND

MAN SE PR/GOE LIT STRNG LANE APART FR/FATHER & THIS STORY CUD &

OUR AGIN, IT MEAN CHANG ONLY TH/ACTONS DO

MAN 2GET BAK HOM BECHT INTERCESSIN, SUMONE 2PLEAD THEP CAUSE

BUT WHOT??

KING ALL MANK IN SAME BOAT, HAD 2B SUMONE SPECIL

AR HAD BECCOME THIS, KNU JOAB & SPECIL FORTITIN HAD W/FATHER

JOAB IN FORTITIN 2GET TH/KING'S ATTENTIN, BUT 1st AB HES GET

JOAB'S ATTENTIN & THEN ARSON TO GET ATTENTIN

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"Arson Alerts Attention"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 14:27-33

Text: 2 Samuel 14:33

We hear much about the family today. This year the president convened a seminar on the family in an effort to get notable people together to formulate plans to get the American family back together again.

It was just last year at this time that the Pittsburgh Pirates were being hailed nationwide as the team which was "Family." They had adopted the theme, "We are Family" and had conducted themselves in that manner. This year Chuck Tanner admitted they didn't win it all because they were not 25 men and a manager playing as a complete family.

Let us

think of a family which was falling apart at the seams for various reasons. This was the royal family no less. The family of the great king David. David had a son named Absalom who was in disfavor with the king for several reasons and we will not go into them at this time because they are several reasons in themselves. But Absalom had been living in exile and this is where we have our scripture for this morning. We read, (read verse 23).

(Illustration of boy asking father questions and asks, "Then why do we need you?") This is approximately the dilemma of Absalom. He had clearly shown that he was capable of being self-supporting. He was getting along quite nicely on his own, but he found that this wasn't enough. Perhaps in the very beginning he felt the need of being a part of the family. But his separation from them for this two year period of time changed his mind and now he was having thoughts of getting back home.

But Absalom knew that there was one man who could make the necessary arrangements to get his father to see him and that man was Joab. Joab was not just a common ordinary man in David's kingdom. This man had power and was trusted by the king. He was the Commander-in-chief of David's army. So it is we read, (read verses 29-30). Absalom patiently sent his servants to Joab twice but got no response. So he decided to try another tack.

(Illustration

(Illustration on getting the attention of someone)

So Absalom told his servants to set Joab's barley fields afire. They did this and we read calmly, (verse 51). But I would think that Joab came running and shouting, "Absalom, what's the meaning of setting my field of barley on fire." I would feel that he was rather excited at this turn of events.

So Absalom explains his problem, (read verse 52). He will ask Joab to be his intercessor before his father the king.

Joab does this on behalf of Absalom and we read, (read verse 53).

This story ~~ix~~ reads like the Prodigal Son of the old Testament, doesn't it?

But when we make comparisons between this story and all of the world right on down to our present age we can readily see that it is the story of God and mankind.

Man was separated from God by sin and was living in a strange land. It is the old story over and over again. It doesn't change in format. Only the actors change from age to age.

But in order for mankind to get back home it required someone to intercede on their behalf. Someone to plead their cause. But who? Since all men were in the same state of separation it had to be someone special. Absalom recognized that Joab was in an outstanding position with the king and thus he stood a good chance of getting the king's attention. So he used the means of arson to attract the attention needed to get to his father. He was using spectacular methods to gain his desired result.

And this is exactly what God did for mankind, but there is that tendency to either pass it by completely or to give it ^a secondary ~~priority~~ priority in our lives.

(Illustration of Mendelssohn and organist in cathedral)

This is what the author of Hebrews was pointing out in the 7th chapter the 25th verse. It is only when we are willing to let Jesus Christ have control of our lives that our lives can be filled with the music which comes from resting in God's wonderful love. But this isn't an easy believism as some would have us

believes. It is belief with evidence that this belief is real. It was not expected that Absalom would come home, be forgiven and act irrepressibly. He actually did this if you read later chapters, but his coming home was with the expectation of his taking his rightful place within the royal family. So it is with us. When we come into the Family of God, made possible through the intercession of the Son, we are expected to give evidence that we belong to the royal family. This means lives that are different, changed. We are to be loving and to show forth love. This means to help others to find the way as we have and to feed and clothe, and lift the fallen.

The result of Josh interceding with the King brought Absalom face to face with his father. But not only that he was received with the fatherly kiss, a symbol of his acceptance as a royal son. He was forgiven.

(Illustration of Remington's Race, 200 of them to see if father forgave)

We don't need to wait in line to see if this forgiveness is for real. God is true to His word and if we really know Him, we find that out each day as we live. His promises come forth throughout all of the Bible. David writing of in praise of God put forth some wonderful reminders for us. In the 145th Psalm verses 17-19. This is a promise that only a loving, forgiving Father could make. There is not a hint of hatred, or rebellion, or vengeance to be paid as the price for this salvation. It is simply that if anyone comes to God in sincerity and truth and seeks His forgiveness, the promise is one of complete forgiveness.

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(Illustration of a dog and sheep outside fence, but shepherd calling)

This is the picture of God. It is His calling mankind through the word. Jesus Christ. His invitation is always there plain and open, with open arms, "Come home and receive the kiss of forgiveness."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Improvisation" Butler

*Hymn No. 118 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*Ascription

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "We offer unto thee our Father, praise for the gift of thy Spirit. We ask for thy Spirit at the times when we are filled with doubt; when we are filled with hatred; when we are devoid of patience; when we show forth selfishness. In all circumstances which are contrary to thy will, send thy Spirit to help, to heal, and may we know thy forgiveness, through Christ. Amen."

*Kyrle (Choir, Congregation and Pastor)

*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen

*Praise

*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

*People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology No. 382

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 526 "Faith of our Fathers"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response "Bow Down Thine Ear" Davis

Offering

Offertory Response No. 515

Anthem: "Give To Our God Immortal Praise" Malin

*Scripture: Romans 1:8-17

*Amon: "NO FAULT COVERAGE"

Closing Hymn No. 617 "Onward, Christian soldiers"

*Benediction Choral Benediction

*Postlude "O Praise The Lord With One Consent!" Best

* * * * * *Congregation Standing * * * * *

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Walker in memory of "Loved Ones"

Serving as Ushers today are: *Richard Mangel, Don

Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.

The attendance last Sunday was 178

Bea Tait and Karen Link will be visiting the Hospital this week.

*Hospitalized: Dorothy Forcht, Mabel Lippold and Bob Tait.

Tonight 6:30 - Teacher's Training - followed by Bible Study.

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Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics; 8:00 - Volleyball

Wed. - Youth Choir 6:30 - Chancel Choir 7-9

Thurs. - Aerobics 6-9

*Wednesday Evening - Costume Party for the Church School.

Those who signed up to bake cookies- please bring them.

*If you would be interested in learning sign language as a means of communicating with the deaf, you are asked to indicate this by signing the sheet in the office. This will be a ten week course for which there is no charge. We would like to have a class of from ten to twelve.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Karen Vensel and Wendy Stalker.

We wish to Congratulate Alvin and Evelyn Shakely on their 40th Anniversary - which they will celebrate on Tuesday - Oct. 28th.

Mrs. Bernice Nicholas would like to thank the Congregation for their cards, prayers and visits while she was in the hospital.

During the Month of November our Church has charge of wheelchair patients at the V. A. Hospital. See Bill Pflugh if you can help during the month of November.

Under Shepherds will be calling on you - Christian Enlistment Sunday Nov. 9.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
OF SAGAMORE**

October 25, 1998

PASTOR RALPH LINK WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

GREETINGS AND JOYS OF THE WEEK

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

October 29-----Billie Fairman
October 30-----Cindy Fisher
October 30-----Jean Harrelson
October 31-----Cathy Hillard

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

October 25----Lancer and Tracie Fairman

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WROT LETTER DOWNS WHIL IN GOR & 3RD AFTER WRIT ACTULY GOT PROME, 2/

BUT IT AN DRIND
VS 8-NEWS OF THIR FAITH GON OUT PREST OF XPIANS IN WORLD

VS 9-HE PRAY ATHEMXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXX

VS 10- HE PRAY ATHEMXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXX

VS 11- HE PRAY ATHEMXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXX

VS 12- HE PRAY ATHEMXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXX

VS 13- HE PRAY ATHEMXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXXMINNXXXXXX

2-GENERAL BLESSINGS FR/GOD

3-SPECIFIC GIFTS GIVN 2MEMBERS OF TH/BODY 2MINUTE 2TH/WHOLE

HE SHULD TH/CONTELT TRUST OF WAT HE SAY 2THEM IN VSS 16 & 17
VSS 16-17-THREE BASIC THINGS HE SAY HUFF:

FIRST-GOSPEL OF JS XP IS POWER OF GOD

POWER IS GPK-DYNAMIS FR/WHICH DERIV WORD "DYNAMITE"

MEAN TREMEND FORC, EXPLOSIV FORC WH/TRANSFORMS LIF SPECTAC WAY

ANYWAY IS IT TRANSFORMS LIF IN SPECTAC WAY????

VS 16-3-SALVATION

SALVATION MEANS-SAFETY, SOUNDNESS, WHOLENESS

BUT MANY CHURCH DEEP JUS LKE MANY OF US HEAR WORD, BUT NO MAK
MUCH IMPACT BECA NO UNDRST IN COMPLET CONTEXT

SO 2UNDRST SALVATION MUS UNDRST IN ALL ITS IMPLICATIONS

P FT CHUR NO MATR WHO U R, OR WAT UR NATIONALTY/RACE SALV GIVN
BY GOD EQUALLY 2EVERONE WHO BELIEVS

WAT NOT UNDR NO UNDRST IS THAT GOD GIVS US SALV IN 3WAYS

BAPTISM 2CONFEIST, CLAIM AS SAV, ALL SIN 4GIVN DUN AWAY WITH

THAT DAST TENS WE R SAVED

FWN AS LHM DAILY LIVE G IS CONTINU 2FORGIV US

WIS PROMIS THUR JS XP IS WE WILB W/US 2END OF WORLD

THIS MEANS WE R 4GIVN AS CHUR 2HIM IN OUR PRESENT LIVE & ASK FOR
HIS 4GIVNINGS - THIS 4GIVNINGS MEANS-WE R 4GIVN - (CONVICTED)

BEFORE HIM-AND LHM SAID, THAT MEANS WE R LONG 2GOD & WILB PART

OF HIS 4GIVNINGS THIS A PART OF HIS 4GIVNINGS 4BELIEVRS

4GIVN, NOTHING CAN SEPARAT US FR/THUR LIV OF G THUR JS XP OUR

LOVE, XXXXXY I SEE CHUR 2THIS LHM

P SINCE ALL THIS VS 17-TH/RITUALS OF G, R JUSTIFY 2HIM, R MADE
RE 4HIM 2HALL FR/FAITH IC FAITH

THAT IS-FR/FAITH TO PRESENT, TO FUTUR

BODY OF THIS TH/JUST, THUR RIN MADE RT W/GOD THRU ACCEPT JS XP

THUR 4JUST? SHAL LIVG'S ETRNL KINGDM BY THIR FAITH OR BELIEF

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TH/POWER OF G, OR TH/DYNAMIC OF G THUR CHNG ANYONE FR/HUMDRUM

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VS 18-HE MEANT HE WIL PROCLAIM IT, CHO IN HIS LIF REGARDLES WAT

HE HAD RIN IMPRIED IN PHILIPPI

HE WAS CHASED OUT OF THESSALONICA

HE WAS CHASED OUT OF BEREAS

HE WAS LAPER AT IN ATHENS

HE WAS DISCARDED AS A FOOL IN CORINTH

HE WAS 4GIVN TO 4GIVN

VS 19-HE MEANT HE WAS RAGE TO CONTINU 2PREACH TH/WORD

ESPECIALLY IN CASE HIM HIS LHM

SCRIP: ROM 1:8-17; SERMON: "NO FAULT COVERAGE"

(ILUS FARMER 3RD BURN, INSURANC HASSEL, CANCEL WIF INSURANC)

ITV AGE EVICONE GANTH COORD 4ANY/ALL CIRCUM

INGENING SCHEM, (EXPERTS TEL US), IS "NO FAULT INSURANCE"

THIS MEAN NO ONE AT FAULT NO MATR WAT & COVRS CARS, PEOP,
DIVORCES, ETC

THIS ATTEMPT 2COVRAC FR/GRADL 2GRAVE

OUR SCRIP THIS MORN SPEKS OF PAUL TRY CONVTY THIR DEC SIM THIS
THINKING

BUT DO FR/PERFECTLY OF GOD'S COVRAC 4THEIR LIVS 6'S NO FAULT

VS 11-THUR PAUL WANT 2DO WAS VISIT CH AT ROME

CH RIN FORMD BY ROMAN WFR AT JERU ON LEUTICOST & TRAVILBAK ROME

& STARR CH THUR

28 YRS HAD PAS & CH WAS STIL GROWING

2DAY CELEBRAT REFORMATIN SUNDAY

MARTIN LUTHER WIL PUTANE AGAINST TH/ORGANIZED CH OF HIS DAY 3/

WE CAN REALIZ DAT I WRT THIS 17TH VS ROMANS - (READ)

ONLY ESCAP W/HIS LIP BOUT OUR FRIENDS

(ILUS GEN VON ZISTEN VS FREDERICK THE GREAT AT BANQUET)

THIS IS KIND OF COURAGE ONLY TH/LORD CAN SUPPLY

1. E P SINCERE BOUT OUR XIJANTY G WIL SUPPLY THAT BOLDNESS 4US

(ILUS EDGAR A. GUEST, "I'D RATHER SEE A SERMON THAN HEAR ONE")

THIS I. TH/POWER WE/GOD CAN IMPART THRU XXXXX ANYONE WHO IS
A FOLLOWER OF JE XP

"...of the 'LUXURANCE' COVERAGE"

... 1: -17

Text: Romans 1:16

(Illustration of man and insurance policy, cancelled because of wife coverage)
 We live in an age where everyone wants to be covered for any and all circumstances which may arise. An ingenious scheme, (or so the experts tell us), had been devised whereby one is declared at fault and this is the "No Fault" insurance." It covers things such as cars, people, divorces and so on. The complete gist of all of this is to be adequately covered from the cradle to the grave.

ХИМИКА: НАУКА НЕВЕДЕНИЯ

in our Scripture for this morning, Paul was converting to these people in the Church at Rome, some of this thirteenth. And he was doing it from the perspective of God's coverage for their lives. The thing that Paul wanted to do for a long time was to visit the church in Rome. The church there had been formed by Romans who were at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and they had traveled back to Rome and had started the Christian Church there. 28 years had passed and the church was growing. This church was made up of some of Paul's converts who had come with him and he had to be with them and with the church for himself.

I wrote this letter while he was in Corinth. Three years after the writing of
 this letter he was actually able to come to Rome but it was as a prisoner.
 Paul explains in this portion of Scripture how the news of their faith has got-
 ten out to the rest of the world. He tells them how he has been praying for
 them and how he has longed to come to them and to preach the Gospel there.
 But he explains that he had not been able to get away to do so.

He sums up the complete thrust of what he would say to them in the 1964 and 1971
versions. It is on these two versions that he bases his award for James Earle
(next these versions).

There are three basic things which Paul said, and here. First he says that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God. The word power here in the Greek language is "dynamis," from which we derive our word, "dynamite." It is speaking of a tremendous force, and an explosive force if you will that trans-

some life in a spectacular way. But what is it that transforms life in a
 spectacular way? As good as to say that it is, "salvation." Salvation means
 "rescue, redemption, deliverance." May many of the people in this world be saved
 very just like many of us. They have the word, but it hasn't made much of an
 impact upon them because it is not understood in its complete context. So
 understand salvation as much as understand it in other religious circles.

Paul said, "No, that it is given to everyone who believes. It doesn't matter who you are, or what your nationality or race may be. It is given by God equally to everyone who believes."

but just that are we willing about even then accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour? That means, dear Christians, never understand, or for that matter those who are unwilling to become total Christians, is that not give us this salvation in three ways. First, it is lost. When we come to the Saviour and claim him as our own, all sin in the past is forgiven and gone away with.

~~Handwritten is written: "I am sorry that I am not home, we are away."~~

Now it is present times, we are being saved. Even as we live our daily lives God is continuing to forgive us. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ His promise through Jesus Christ is that He is with us to the end of the world. This means that we are forgiven as we come to Him in these our evil lives and are His children.

the time we shall be saved, on this future. It means that we belong to God and will be a part of His eternity because this is a part of His threefold promise for all believers.

This is all of that soul is crying and is being moved up in that 19th verse. (Read this). The righteousness of God, being justified before Him, being made right, is revealed from faith to faith. That is, from past to present, to future. And because of this, "the just," those made right before God through the acceptance of Jesus Christ, these "just," shall live in God's eternal kingdom, by their "faith," or their acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Saviour. When we can understand this, our lives should be a turnabout and that "lower,"

that "dynamic" of God should change anyone from a lukewarm Christian to one filled with that joy which God wants us to have in these lives.

This is the third thing which is related out in these two verses and that is what ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is about but Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." He meant that he was willing to proclaim it and show it in his life even though there were those who mocked him or ridiculed all of this. He was willing to stand forth for the Gospel and eventually it cost him his life. This is what Martin Luther was willing to do when he stood against the organized religion of his day. He came to know and understand what Paul was saying in the 27th verse of this first chapter of Romans. He almost lost his life for his stand and would have, had not his friends conspired to hide him from the church authorities.

You and I are not called upon at this point to risk our lives for our Lord, but we are asked to stand forth for him.

(Illustration of General Jan Smuts and Frederick the Great)

This is the kind of courage ~~xxx~~ only the Lord can supply. If we are sincere about our Christianity, God will supply the boldness to stand against opposition to proclaim that we belong to him. We cannot and we must not be a dummy Christian.

(Illustration of old man and this type of life)

It is sad, but true that the majority of Christians go through life year after year without ever sharing a word about their Saviour to anyone. If the church is to grow and increase in strength and vitality, it must have all members willing to speak to those outside the church about their faith and belief. May God give each of us the backbone today to stand for him and to show the world around us that we belong to him and are not ashamed of it.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 2, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Sharon Pfabe, Michelle Henry - Acolytes
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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.
Prelude "Prayer" from: Suite Gothique, Op.25 Boellmann
*Hymn No. 318 "Come, Thou Fount of every blessing"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "O God, you have taught us to
keep all your heavenly commandments by loving you and
our neighbors; grant us the spirit of peace and grace,
that we may be both devoted to you with our whole
heart and untied to each other with a pure will. Forgive
us we ask in Christ's name. Amen."
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!
People: The Lord's name be praised.
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
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Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests
Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer - #464
Offering
Offertory
Dedication of Choir Robes
Anthem "Sing to The Lord A Marvelous Song" Butler
Pianist - Debra Deweaver
Scripture: Romans 6:1-14
Psalm: "The \$1.98 Bargain"
*Hymn No. 520 "Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing"
*Benediction
*Choral Benediction
*Postlude "Psalm XIX Marcello (1696-1739)
+ + + + + *Congregation Standing + + + + +
The Lovely Flowers this morning have been placed by
The Ronald Kradel Family in memory of Carrie Litzenberg

Serving as Ushers today are *Charles Penar, Dan Bosko,
Robert Knauer and Dave McMillin
Deacon and Mrs. Dave McMillin will greet the Congrega-
tion at the door this morning.
Our Guest Pianist - Debra Deweaver a Senior Piano
Major from Westminster College.
Hospitalized: Mabel Lippold, Dorothy Forcht and
Bob Tait.
Sign Language Classes will be given here at the Church
for 10 to 12 students. Seven have already signed up
so far. Sandy Sheppeck will be teaching this class.
Sign up in the office now.
Please stay seated after the Service for Election of
Elders and Deacons. The budget will be gone over also.
If you can help at the Veterans Hospital contact Bill
Pflugh - The month of November is the responsibility
of our Church, to take the wheel-chair patients service
Next Sunday is Christian Enlistment Sunday - please
get your commitment cards back into the Church. The
Under Shephers will deliver a booklet to you and also
Time and Talent Sheets.
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following.
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Dedication of new Choir Robes in Memory of Ralph Cooper
Donors: Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bolam, Mr. & Mrs. Roland
Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Sybert, Mr. & Mrs. Larry
Sybert, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Angeloni, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
McMurtry, Mrs. Kay Morris, Oak Hills Garden Club and
Mrs. Ralph Cooper.
Cyndie and Rob Sybert gave the new music folders
in memory of Ralph Cooper.
Bruce McBride and Roy Andrews will be visiting the
Hospital this week.
Coming up soon - November 17 - Kick-off Dinner for the
Program of Progress.

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Apple Butter - Sugar Free
New Members*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

*SHIRLEY - RECOVERING
BOB
BIMMIE
BARB*

GR FIVE/REV/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

1. *Introduction*

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MEMBER, HURT LIGHT, SCIENTIFIC COACHMAN
DETROITERS (P CH

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CRUDIFANCE)

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TH/ANNO (P FOUR IS ONE HAD & THREE 4
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(LIVE SURVEY CH/ANNO/THREE)

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WORLD LK CH & IS SCIENTIFIC?

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BUSY & CORRECT THEM

BUT IF AMT GILTY THEN SHUT THEM UP
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CONGREGATION

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& BRAN CONGREGATION CH MUCH LK 11.08 BARGAIN, NOT WORTH IT
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CETTERIAC WPT LK UNTIL THAT FAMILY MEMBER LIFE)
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THIS MAN SAID WHITE BOUT BROWN ON W 11, FBI CHAP - (BRAC)

HAD IN A BOMB WITHHOLD?

BUT GOT EXTEND A BARGAIN & THEN LACK IDENTIFICATION OF 11.08 CH 1700

HIS BARGAIN IS NOW BETTER THAN THAT

HIS BARGAIN IS FREE & GIVE TWO BOUT OF HIS LK

BOUT OF THIS LK WE SHUD WIL 2100 2TH/CHM THAT IS A W EXCUSE
WAT MAN IS CH W 11 -- (BRAC THIS AGAIN)

WE SHUD CHANG & B CHANG EACH DAY

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PANT OF CH W 11

NOTE: WPT 6:1-14; SEEM: WPT 11.08 BARGAIN

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MAN STAIN BARGAIN AND FIVE

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"The \$1.98 Bargain"

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

Text: Romans 6:13

In our modern world of fast foods, fast service, quick turn-over merchandising and instant everything, we have become accustomed to bargains of all kinds. But is there such a thing as a dollar ninety eight bargain? Or are we being lulled into thinking there is such a thing as a bargain?

(Illustration of Dept. store exec, salesperson and \$1.98 customer)

What is the value of anyone? What is our value in the scheme of things today? Because of the pessimism which has crept into our society because of false bargains and harmful merchandising a scepticism has crept into all segments of society to the extent that very few people are willing to trust anyone or anyone. This scepticism has become evident in the questioning way the world has been looking at the church in recent years. And rightly so, I might add. The Church has been ~~dislike~~ performing in certain ways so that it has become just another reflection of the world around it. Instead of being separate and identifiable from the world, it has become conformed to it.

This is exactly what Paul was striving to impart to the people in the church in Rome. In the 5th chapter he was talking to them about how grace, God's salvation as given through Jesus Christ had brought them over sin. He said that the more sin increased the more God's grace became evident. This is why he begins this 6th chapter with the question, (Read verse 1).

The answer he gives is obvious, since we are never to sin knowingly. He tells them in detail how through Jesus Christ the believer is cleansed and freed from past sin and delivered from the power that sin holds over those who are unconverted, and unwilling to be converted. His abandonment to them, verse 6 is spelled out in the 12th verse, (Read this). He is saying in effect, "Do not let any part of your body knowingly do or act ungodly. Instead, act like you are alive from the dead." This means there should be a vital difference between the Christian and the world. But the world looks at the people of the church in many instances and there is no difference visible to them.

In a recent survey of church members it was found that 33% of them admit at that do not pray. Because of this the world sees no evidence of any power coming from the church or its members and so there is doubt and scepticism concerning its effectiveness. This was evident in the case of a poor woman seeking help from a preacher.

(Illustration of broken scale and piece of paper with prayer outweighing it)
For many people this would merely be a coincidence. But how can it be explained that the man's scale had worked accurately that day up to that point, and the same thing never happened again? The answer of course is that the woman knew and trusted God for the help she needed.

But maybe don't the scale thing pointed out that the church is a power source. Have any more words: (Good illustration of this by Charles Allen).

With statistics such as these can we have any doubt about the world looking on and being sceptical? This is a direct reflection on you and me. If we are guilty of these things then we need to get busy and correct them. But if we aren't, then we should be out striving harder to make sure this does not become a reflection of our congregation. ~~xxxxxx~~ Those outside the church will look at statistics such as these and draw the conclusion that the church is much like the 1.9% bargain, not worth it.

But the real thing which stands out, and I want to hear about this all the time, is the individual member of the congregation and his or her actions outside of the church. Sometimes we hear of a ~~member~~ ^{person} of the family ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of some of our members. The actions of that person is ~~xxxxxx~~ compared to the rest of the family, and the thought which comes forth is that those of the family who are members should have an influence in his life. We can understand this, but church membership for part of the family does not guarantee that the unchurched person is going to be changed or act differently. Such was the case of a man who was a salesman of Fuller Brushes in Jackson Mississippi.

(Illustration of James Allknow).

When he finally came to know Jesus Christ, it made the difference in his life to the extent that he understood what Paul wrote in the town church in verse 11

What is a soul worth? God is willing to send a bargain to us and set the price of 1.00 on it? ~~His~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ bargain is even better than that. His bargain is free and it comes to us because of His love.

Because of this love we should be willing to show to the world that we ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ are doing just exactly what Paul was pointing out in verse 11, (read this).
We should change, and be changing each day. Let us accept God's ^{bargain} and begin to live lives that reflect it is part of these lives.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Butler, Pennsylvania
Christian Enlistment Sunday November 9, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Paul Harbison, Liturgist
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mrs. Ginger Harbison, Mr. Lloyd Link, Youth Choir
Directors

Sharon Pfabe, Michelle Henry - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Improvisation" Butler

*Processional Hymn No. 336 "O worship the King"

*Ascription

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Almighty God, forgive us for our faulty following of the Master; our slow faith in His power to save; our timid, hesitant answers to His call for service; our insensibility to the meaning of His cross; for all that mars our discipleship, and make it difficult for others to believe in Him. We ask it all in His name. Amen."

*Kyrie

*Assurance of Pardon

*Praise

*Liturgist: Praise ye the Lord!

*People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology No. 382

Who's who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Children's Moment (All Children please come forward to the Chancel)

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Anthem: "Happiness Is the Lord"

Scripture: Ezekiel 24:23-31

Sermon: "TRACK, BACKBONE, AND BRIDGEWORK"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 260 "And can it be that I should gain"

*Benediction "Three-fold Amen"

*Pestlude "Allegro"

Handel

***** *Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mrs. Theresa Palmer in loving memory of 'Grandparents'

Serving as Ushers today are *Barbara Vargo, Virginia

Mangel, Nancy Link and Karen Link.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bolam will greet the Congregation

and Visitors at the door this morning.

> Hospital: Dorothy Forcht, Mabel Lippold

Those visiting the Hospital this week are: Harry Burns,
and Harry Fry.

Nursery will be provided today by Robin Knauer and

Pam Fry.

> After the worship Service today - The Under Shepherds

will pick up their material to give out to the ones

on their Under Shepherd Lists. Please have your

reservation tickets ready to turn in to them so they

can get them back to the church.

Tonight 6:30 - Teacher's Training and Bible Study.

Monday - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall

Monday - 7:30 - Fidelity Bible Class meeting in the

Kitchenette (The meeting has been set up one week early

due to the Kick-off dinner next week.

Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall; 8:00-Volleyball

Thursday - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall.

> Next Monday - Kick-off Dinner - 6:30 P.M. Meat, dessert

and beverage will be provided. Everyone please bring

a full twelve supper.

> New members will be received on November 23. If you

know of anyone who is interested in joining the church

put a slip of paper in the offering plate or tell the

Pastor or Bea and they will be contacted.

> Every Thursday 7-9 - Sign Language Classes will be given

free of charge here at the Church. Sandy Sheppeck

will teach the class. There is still time to get in.

"TRACK, BACKBONE, AND BRIDGEWORK"
Scrip: Ezek. 22:23-31; Text: Ezek. 22:30

Scrip AM paint drk pictur condits Ezek liv
Tim drknes spiritu; peop no draw G or word
"dishonesty & Ezek pt thez thing out

vs 25=sins prophs
vs 26=sins priests
vs 28=more chrg agin prophs
vs 29=sins com peop thot may not B cal 2task
Here blk pictur, blk time livs peop is
G lk 4thoz wud liv & act He want & serch prov futil
Vs 30=G say He lk 4 man, (& mus say non-masculin)
includ femal, men, women, boys, girls
Time dishon, self preachr, fals prophs, greedy peop, etc
Day of peop say=SO WAT? & tim natnal decay G lk 4
peop bring natin bak 2 Him
If wud lk 4natin fulfil rol 2day agre ours duz
But wat did G want man for?
vs 30a=A MAN, that shud makup hedg-wall & either way
it divid sepr from sumthin, solid, firm, strong etc
(Illus ministr counsel man dif mak decis=yes/no)
This no wat G lk 4, or lk 4 2day, He want peop 1 TRAK
their livs, & 1 TRAK Blong Him completly
(Illus G. Whitfield & last sermon=he 1 TRAK man)
G sed=(read vs 30a) R U that man, womn, boy, girl?
wil U try 2B? That wat G want 2kno 2day
vs 30a=AND STAND & He ment sum1 cum 4th & B decisiv
sum1 with BAKBONE; no wish/wash/wil/nil/lily livr
individ remain neutr1, want pleas ever1
Sum1 wil tak stand cum wat may
(Illus man Civil War & Blu/Gray unifrom)
U unno B G's man & pleas ever1, U mus B wil stand
4th & hav BAKBONE G gav U & continus 2giv wen 4 Him
(Illus misinry & busness offer refused)
This wat G want; lk 4 thoz Bliev & kno biggest job worl
is 2 work 4 G
(Illus yng boys, minster, mak fun of low pay & he repl
Work may not B 2much, but reitment ben out this worl)
Need 2 remen may fethr nas here, & may hav all physic
need, all this & mor, but G's sternty duznt amt thing
Bcuz no lay treasur up hvn, wil B spiritu; poor ther
G want men, womn, boy, girl who stand up with BAKBONE
Vs 30a, b=But wher duz He want this=IN THE GAP
(Illus teeth & gaps & BRIDGEWORK)
this permit apear public, smil etc
G want men who span GAL=B BRIDGEWORK 4 Him
(Illus Thomas Dikson, sav boy fire, & barned hands)
Ha, cros Calvry, crown thorn encircel hed, Js Xp cry
2 worl, I want man, woman, boy, girl, stan gap B4 me &
nail torn, scar hands plead caus

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - SAGAMORE, PA. - NOVEMBER 13, 1994

PRELUDE

GREETINGS/JOYS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

FUMIGATE, DEAD FLIES - SAYING: DROPPING LIKE FLIES

THANKSGIVING DINNER NEXT SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH
HYMN SING 2:00 AFTER DINNER - SINGERS

*HYMN

PRAYER/OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

SCRIPTURE: EZEKIEL 22:23-31

SERMON: "TRACK, BACKBONE, BRIDGEWORK" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER

11/9/8

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WITNESS - JANE JFA

C. A. M.

J. A. M.

M. A. M.

M. A. M. / M. A. M. - 10:30 AM OF M. A. M.

But He mus say as ~~xxxx~~ G sed thru Ezek long ago:

BUT I FOUN NONE

RU wil 2B that man,woman,boy,girl 4 Him?

G 4bid any us mus B sed,~~xxxxxxxnxxxnxxx~~

& I SOT 4 A MAN AMONG THEM WITH A 1 TRAK

MIND,& A BAZBONE 2B THE BRIDGMORE B4 ME

4 THE LAND,THAT I SHUD NOT DESTROY IT:

BUT I FOUN NONE.

B that man,that woman,that boy,that girl

from this day on.

Let Him work His luv,& His Grac in UR

lif by opening UR hart this day 2 HIM

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The Work of the Holy Spirit

At the juncture he offered money for the gift of the Spirit. Acts 8:18 He interestingly used the word receive in conjunction with the impartation of the Spirit. Acts 8:19 To him possessing power to lay hands on people and give them an experience was a much coveted privilege. Unfortunately what Simon revealed about himself was tragic. He was one of those people whose company seems innumerable. Though Simon professed to be a disciple and was baptized, Peter took his "keys to the kingdom of God" stance and told him, "your heart is not right in the sight of God." Acts 8:20-24 With this incident, we can appreciate why the laying on of hands was not made a required practice in receiving God's blessings.

It should also be noted that it was unlikely that the impartation of the Spirit was given to Simon since Peter identified him as one who was "poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." Acts 8:23 Hardly the biblical description of a New Creation man. 2 Cor. 5:17

A short while ago we touched briefly upon the outpouring of the Spirit upon Cornelius' household. Before we study other passages in which either the word receive or received is a key to the meaning of the text note Acts 10:44-48. The scriptures tell us that while Peter was speaking the Spirit fell upon those listening to God's word. Acts 10:44 and you observe an interesting feature of the Spirit's outpouring? It was all of God. They did not

VS 26=SINS OF PRIESTS
 VS 27=SINS OF RULERS
 VS 28=CUMS BAK 2LAW MOR CHRGS AGIN PROPHS
 VS 29=SINS OF COMCN ORD FEC
 HERE IS BLAK PICTUR OF BLAK TIMES IN LIVS PEO OF ISRAEL
 G WAS LK 4THOZ WUD LIV/ACT AS HE WANTD & SERCH PRUV FUTILE
 VS 30=EK SPKS OF G SPK & SAY THIS
 G WAS LK 4MAN & NO MEAN JUS MALES, MENT WOMN, CHILDR, MALE/FEMALE
 IT WAS TIME OF DISHONSTY, SELFISH PREACHRS, FALS PROPH, UNCONCERN'D
 RULERS, GREEDY SPITEFUL, HATEFUL PEOPLE
 GEN ATTUD WAS=SO WAT???
 AT THIS TIME G WAS LK 4PEO 2BRING NATIN & PEO BAK 2HIM
 (IF MAK CP WH/NATIN IN WORL 2DAY RESEMBL THIS NATIN OF ISRAEL??)
 I SURE WE AGREE OUR NATIN QUALFY HANDS DWN
 BUT WAT WAS IT G WANTED A MAN FOR???
 VS 30A=MAKE UP THE HEDGE, & OTHR TRANS CALL IT=A WALL
 A WALL/HEDGE SPRTATE-HEDG/WALL IS SOLID, HEDG/WALL STAND FIRM
 (ILUS MINSTR COUNSEL MAN ABOUT DECISIONS- yes & NO)
 THIS DEF NOT MAN G LK 4THEN NOP 2DAY
 G WANTS MEN, PEO WHO R ONE TRAK, BLONG 2HIM COMPLETELY
 (ILUS GEORGE WHITFIELD & HIS ONE TRACK MIND FOR THE LORD)
 VS 30A=A ONE TRAK MAN, WOMN, CHILD - WIL U TRY 2B THAT
 THAT WAT G WANTS FR/EACH OF US
 VS 30B=G MENT 4SUMONE 2CUM 4TH & 2B DECISIV
 SUMONE W/A BAKBONE - NOT WISHY/WASHY, WILLY/NILLY, LILY LIVRD
 INDIVID WHO WANT 2BNEUTRAL & NO CFEND ANYONE, & PLEAS EVRONE
 HE WANTD SUMONE 2TAK THAT STAND CUM WAT MAY
 (ILUS MAN IN CIVIL WAR & BLUE AND GRAY UNIFORMS)
 U CANNOT B G'S MAN & TRY 2PLEASE EVRONE - U MUS 4AV BAKBONE &
 STAND 4HIM NO MATTER WAT
 (ILUS MISSIONARY & BUSINESS OFFER REFUSED)
 TH WAT G WANTS - PEO WHO BLIEV/KNO BIGES JOB IS WORK 4 GOD
 (ILUS BOYS TEASE MINISTER & HE TELLS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS)
 WE MAY FEATHR NEST HERE, BUT IN G'S ETRNTY NO AMT ANYTH BCUZ IF NO
 LAYUP TREASUR IN HVN WILB SPIRITUALLY POOR THEN
 G WANTS MEN, WOMN, CHILDREN WHO WIL STAND -PEO W/BAKBONE
 GOD SAYS VS 30A & B=BUT WHER DUZ HE WANT THIS??
 IN THE GAP - VS 30C=

EXAMPL OF TEETH MISSING & GAP - IF IN FRONT MUS HAV SUMTH SPAN
 THIS IS CALLED - BRIDGEWORK, - BCUZ THIS CAN SMILE, APEAR PUBLIC
 THIS WAT G WANT-MEN/WOMN/CHILDREN WIL 2B BRIDGWORK 4HIM,
 SPAN THE GAP
 (ILUS TOM DICKSON & SAV BOY BCUZ BURND HANDS PRUV IT),
 JS DY ON CALVARY & HANDS PLEAD CASE FOR HIM
 I WANT MAN, WOMAN, BOY GIRL 2STAND IN GAP FOR ME
 BUT HIS PLEA IS SAME AS FATHER GOD - VS 30D=I FOUND NONE
 R U WIL 2B THAT MAN/WOMAN/BOY/GIRL W/BAKBONE, FOR HIM???
 W/BAKBONE
 G FORBID HE WUD SAY CF ANY OF US=AND I SOT FOR A MAN AMONG THEM
 W/A ONE TRAK MIND, & BAKBONE 2B TH/BRIDGWORK B4 ME IN TH/LAND,
 THAT I SHUD NOT DESTROY IT; BUT I FND NONE
 B THAT MAN/WOMAN/BOY/GIRL FR/THIS DAY ON
 LET HIM WORK HIS LUV & GRACE IN UR LIF BY OPEN HART 2HIM 2DAY

SCRIP: EZEK 22:23-31; SERM: "TRACKLE BAKBONE, BRIDGEWORK"

SCRIP PAINT DARK PICTUR OF CONDITINS IN DAY EZEK LIVD
 TIME DARKNES SP

PEO NO DRAWN 2WARD TH/LORD OR HIS WORD

THAT DISHONESTY

VS. SINS OF PROPHS,

SINS OF PRIESTS - VS 26

"Track, Backbone, And Bridgework"

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:23-31

Text: Ezekiel 22:30

The Scripture we read this morning ~~xxxxxx~~ paints a dark picture for us of the conditions of the day in which Ezekiel lived. It was a time of darkness spiritually. People were not being drawn to the Lord or His Word. It was a time of dishonesty. First Ezekiel points out the sins of the prophets, (vs 25, read this).

Then he points out the sins of the priests, (vs 26, read this). Then he points out the sins of the rulers, (vs 27, read this). He comes back to lay more charges against the prophets, (vs 28, read this). And finally he points out the sins of the common ordinary people who thought that perhaps they might not be called to task, (vs29, read this).

Here is a black picture of black times in the lives of the people of Israel. God was looking for those who would live and act as He wanted and the search had proved futile. Ezekiel speaks of God speaking and saying, (read vs 30). He was looking for a man, and we must add that this is using man in the non masculine sense so it included males and females, men and women, boys and girls. It was a time of dishonesty, selfish preachers, false prophets, unconcerned rulers, and greedy hateful, spiteful people. It was a day in which the general attitude was, "So what?" In this time of national decay, God was looking for people to bring the nation and the people back to Him.

If we wanted to make comparisons, I don't think we would need to go too far to select a nation today which resembles the nation of Israel in our world, ~~today~~. I am sure you would agree that our nation qualifies hands down.

But what was it that God wanted a man for?

First, He wanted a man, "That should make up the hedge." Other translations call this a wall. But a hedge serves the same purpose as a wall and that is it divides or separates something from something ~~xxx~~ else. A hedge or a wall is rather solid. It stands firm and strong and is solid.

(Illustration of Minister counseling man about decisions, "yes and No")

This isn't the kind of man God was looking for, or is looking for today.

God wants men, people who are one Track in their lives. The one track He wants is for them to belong to Him completely. George Whitefield was such a man. (Illustration of George Whitefield and his last sermon).

God said, "I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge." A one Track man. Are you that man, or woman, boy or girl? Will you try to be? That's what God wants to know today.

But God ^{not only} says, "And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge," but He adds, "And stand." He meant for someone to come forth and to be decisive. Someone to stand forth with a "Backbone." He didn't want the wishy, washy, willy nilly, lily livered individual who wanted to remain neutral and please everyone. He wanted someone who was willing to take that stand come what may.

(Illustration of man in Civil War and blue and gray uniform)

You cannot be God's man and try to please everyone. You must be willing to stand forth and have the Backbone that God gave you and continues to give you when you are willing to stand for Him.

(Illustration of missionary and business offer, but refused)

This is what God wants. He is looking for those who believe and know that the biggest job in the world is to work for God. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ A group of young men were poking fun at a minister riding on a train once. They especially were poking fun at his lack of money and worldly goods. He answered, "Well boys the pay for this work may not be too much, but the retirement benefits are out of this world." We need to remember that we may feather our nest here on earth and physically here, we may have all that we want and more than we could ever use. But in God's eternity it doesn't amount to a thing, because if we do not lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven we will be spiritually poor there.

God wants men, women, boys and girls, who will "Stand." People with "Backbone."

~~But God wants more than that thing says~~

God says, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand," but where does He want this? "In the Gap," is the answer.

If you've ever lost a tooth in any way I am sure that you have known what a gap is. If you have lost several especially several side by side you really know what a gap is. And if this has happened ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ a prominent place in your mouth like say, the front, then you know that something must span that gap. That something thanks to the science of dentistry is called, "Bridgework." This ingenious type of repair work spans the gaps and makes it possible to appear in public and to even smile with confidence.

This is what God was and is looking for, men who can span the Gap. Men who are willing to be the "Bridgework" ~~for Him~~ for Him.

(Illustration of Thomas Dickson, saving boy from fire & burned hands)

Hanging on a cross on a hill called Calvary, with a crown of thorns encircling His brow Jesus Christ cried out to the world, "I want the man, I want the woman, I want the boy, I want the girl to stand in the gap before me," and his nail torn and scarred hands plead His cause.

^{in our world today}
But He must say as God said through Ezekiel long ago, "But I found none."

Are you willing to be that man, that woman, that boy, that girl? for Him?

God forbid that He would have to say of any of us, "And I sought for a man among them with a one track mind, and backbone to be the Bridgework before me ^{for} ~~in~~ the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Be that man, that woman, that boy, that girl from this day on. Let Him work His love and His grace in your life by opening your heart this day to Him.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Nov. 16, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Sharon Fabe, Michelle Henry - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Improvisation" Butler
*Processional Hymn No. 377 "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee"

*Ascription

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "O Father, giver of such bounty as we see each harvest time, we know we are not worthy to gather the crumbs from under your table; yet, out of your great love and mercy, you have not only bestowed this material abundance, but beyond all our deserving have given us a Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to believe, and believing to accept; and accepting, help us to act. Your will, not ours be done. Amen."

*Kyrie

*Assurance of Pardon

*Praise

*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

*People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology No. 382

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 458 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory Offertory Response No. 515

Dedication of Memorial Plaque

Anthem: "God The Omnipotent" Russian Hymn Lvov

Scripture: I Samuel 17:40-29
Sermon "GIANT KILLING"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 595 "Lead on, O King eternal"

*Benediction Choral Benediction

Postlude "Praeludium in G Major" Bach

***** *Congregation Standing *****

The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. William Johnston in memory of Mrs. Johnston's "Father" Harry Peters.

Serving as Ushers today are *Robb Vinroe, Robert

Dellen, Randy Dellen and Brian Kennedy.

Hospital: Mrs. Hulda Hippold, Mrs. Anna Margaret Vinroe.

Those visiting the Hospital this week are Art Carney.

The attendance last Sunday was 185.

No Teachers Training or Bible Study this evening.

> Monday - 6:30 - Kick-off Dinner. Meat, dessert and beverage will be provided. Everyone please bring a full turkey supper.

Tues. - 6:45 P.M. Golden Circle Bingo Party at Sunnyview

Home. Park in the rear and use basement door.

Tuesday - 6:00 - Aerobics in Rehabilitation Hall; 8:00 - Volleyball.

Wed. - 7-9 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. 10:30 - Mary Martha Circle at Ione Elvagh's

Next Sunday will be Thank-Offering Sunday.

Nursery will be provided today by Mark Vargo and Julie

Deacon and Mrs. Harry Burns will greet the Congregation

at the door this morning.

> New Members will be received on November 23. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the church put a slip of paper in the offering plate or tell the Pastor or Bea and they will be contacted.

***** LOVE AND JOY *****

Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people, and the old are hungrier for love than for bread. The Oil of Joy is very cheap, and if you can help the poor with a Garment of Praise, it will be better for them than blankets.

--- Drummond.

20, 1998

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- HYMN
- PRAYER/OFFERING
- DOXOLOGY
- PATRIARCH PRAYER
- HYMN

SERMON: "THE BOMBTORER" - ST. PAUL'S, BUTLER 9/14/80

- HYPER
- HYPOTENSION
- POLYMER

NOT IN FAVOR OF DRAGONS IN WARFONE, BUT AM IN FAVOR OF DRAGONS,
BEING, HE DRAGONED, ON WORKING OUT WHAT HE IN SAME & LEFT ME
WAS NOT MY MIND BUILT, DRAGON 274/04 OF 16 & HIS BURN
AND ARE BEING IN THAT WAY & DRAGON & THEY GO OUT & GET LEFT
IN THAT CASE IN FAVOR OF JESUS CHRIST

"Giant Killing"

Scrip: 1 Sam. 17:20-29; Tex: 1 Sam 17:29b

Hypo situation Dav & court:bros,prophs,others
Dav, U remem time cam from lins cum from home?
we t mad,thot U spy,tel Dad Ihils,& Giant?
Dav thot bout,slim,trim,nowgudly weight,gray,old,
G protec & 2day wud no fite so quik
ours remem,add comments
Bros=Boy Eliab tuk U ? taks 4B ther remem?
Dav=Sur do,& remem tol=wat I do now,IS THER NOT CAUS?
& ther was heathn Phil intim Is army,but defeat=win

Bros=If only U no get involv Bathsheb=18 wat hap
numbr peop=pestilenc;country need ~~xx~~ rebild if only
cud get bak old days,no probs,lif simpl etc
King Dav stan on feet=But ther stil caus,wil always
B & we bettr no 4get;need get busy task motivat peop
& tel ther alway ~~xxxx~~ Caus of Almy God
This hypo but gud posib cud tak plac but lik 2day
peop lk bak 2 gud old days
Ex=bat washtub;s,keep attic
aroun here lk bak 20yr,add compl,nu pew,rug,paint
U happy,proud & shud B;U had Caus,fot it,work it,
defeat it,U made Giant Killing
But wat hap? Wat usual hap
(Illus Adolph Rupp Basketball ~~xxxxxxx~~ Kentucky Team)
This hap wen Caus cum 2 end
G say Irov 29:18=WHER NO VISIN,PEOPL PERISH
Wher no Caus peop perish=paraphras
& so peop say=remem gud old day,out debt,all paid etc
But ther stil Caus,alway hav bin,alway wil B whethr
want 2 fac or not
Hi site tel us=cud hav kept Bldg program less probs
But cannot liv pas,mus liv here & now & ther is caus
(Illus R.G. LEE & beat up,yet preach)
wen man has caus mak 4get welfar G has captur man's
hart
(Illus yng preachr & swear bout satan)
No advocat preachr cus get result,but am favr Eldr,
deacon,plain ordnary latman get lost Caus & Caus here
biggr than any of us
Caus in this community Bcuz Butlr no Xpian Commun
regardles wat bilbord say=I kno from pas projects
Caus here of Boys,girls, men,woemn need Js Xp &
U & I hav means 2 provid
RU wil 2 acpt challeng,2 rise up & slay giants aroun
us here & now:Let's get in2 the fite & acpt cal G
sew_34 us:let's 4get past & What If's;& say insted,
IS THER NOT A CAUS? & then let's go out & get lost
in that CAUSE FOR HIM : 4 JS XP

"Remember, If, But?"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:20-29

Text: 1 Samuel 17:29b

Toward the end of the reign of King David he was seated with a group of his family and friends, in his royal court. Several of his brothers who were still living were there, along with Nathan the prophet and trusted friend; along with others who had been with him for years. As is usually the case when a group of old friends get together ~~like~~ the conversation turned toward the journey of life they had had thus far. Remembrances were forthcoming and it wasn't long before they were laughing at what had once been very serious circumstances at the time.

One of his older brothers spoke up and said, "Dave, do you remember the time when we were at the front lines with the army and Dad sent you to bring us some goodies from home? Boy we were so mad at you because we thought you just came there to spy on us and then you could run home and tell Dad how the invincible ~~israeli~~ army of Israel was being stymied by one giant Philistine soldier." The King sat ~~there~~ and smiled as he did remember that day which seemed like such a long time ago. He was just a young lad then, slim and trim. Now he was close to 70 and he had put on a goodly amount of weight. His once reddish hair was now completely white, what there was left of it. He remembered with fondness how God had protected him and how at this point in his life he wouldn't be so quick to do battle against such large odds.

The others remembered as well and each added their little comments of what had taken place.

~~His brother~~ Another brother spoke and said, "Boy, I remember how Eliab took you to task for being there. He told you off right in front of all of the other soldiers and I can remember how I felt so sorry that he would treat you like that. But do you remember what your remark was to him?"

At this point David came out his memories and spoke, "I sure do. I told him, 'What have I done now? Is there not a cause?' "And there was. That cause was to defeat those heathen Philistines and our army had let themselves

become intimidated by only one of their soldiers. But once we took the initiative and overcame him that the Philistines were defeated and Israel prevailed." At this point another of his brothers spoke up and said, "Boy we sure could use a cause like that now. If only you had not let yourself get mixed up with Uriah's wife we wouldn't be in the mess we find ourselves now. ~~Amnon is dead~~ ~~Amnon is dead~~ We have had to see several revolts put down because of that. Your sons Amnon, and Absalom are dead because of it. You have had our people numbered and because of it we have had to suffer a pestilence from which many of our people have had to die. Our country is divided and in need of leadership and our people are murmuring that there is a need for a new king. If only ~~there was still~~ we could get back to the old days when there were no real problems and there was a simple cause to deal with."

~~At~~ King David who had been listening intently now seemed to revive from his period of reflection and he now stood on his feet and began to speak in a commanding voice, much like the king of old, "But there is still a cause. There will always be a cause and we better not forget it. We need to get ourselves busy with the task of motivating our people that there is always that Cause of Almighty God."

Now we have no way of knowing whether a scene such as this ever took place, but there is a very good possibility that it did when the kingdom was falling down around their ears. But whether it took place or not, we find ourselves today in very similar circumstances. People today are looking backward and longing for the so called, "Good old days." I'm not too sure that I want to go back to them. If getting a bath in a wash tub on Saturday night with water that had to be heated on a coal burning stove is the "Good old days," I don't want it today. If spending the winter months huddled around that coal stove because there was no central heating is the "Good old days," I don't want it. If sleeping in the Arctic where you froze in the winter and roasted in the summer is the "Good old days," I don't want it. But it is so easy to look back and to say, "Remember." Around here some of you can look back about 20 years and say, "Remember."

And you can remember. You can remember that the church was newly remodeled. There was the smell of new paint, new carpet and every thing shined because it still had that gloss of newness about it. You were happy with it, and ~~you~~ proud of it and well you could be. You had a Cause and you had fought it, and worked at it, and defeated it. You slayed your giant, but then what happened? What happened is what usually happens in these circumstances.

(Illustration of Adolph Rupp, basketball coach of Kentucky University)

This is the case in ~~times~~ circumstances where ~~the~~ a Cause comes to an end. God put it another way in Scripture when He inspired Solomon to write in the 29th chapter of Proverbs the 18th verse, "Where there is no vision the people perish." To paraphrase that, "Where ~~is~~ there is no Cause, the people perish." And so we have come to the place where people are saying, "Remember the good old days when we were out of debt, everything was new and paid for. If only we had not gotten into building a new building, there would be no need for more money, more commitment from me." But you see there is still a Cause. There always has been, and there always will be whether you want to face up to it or not. To use a little hindsight, if this congregation would have been committed to that Cause all along the building program would have never ceased after all of this was remodeled and completed. But we can't live in the past. It may be nice to remember the "Good old days" as a pleasant pasttime. Or to look around and say, "If only." But we must live in the here and now. There is a Cause.

(Illustration of Dr. R.G. Lee, beaten up, yet preaching that night)

When a man has a cause that makes him forget his own welfare, then God has captured that man's heart.

(Illustration of young preacher and swearing about satan)

I'm not in favor of any preacher to begin cussing to get results. But I am in favor of an elder, or a deacon, or a plain ~~ordinary~~ ordinary everyday layman or woman getting ~~wrapped~~ wrapped up in a Cause. And the cause we have here is bigger than any of us. We have a Cause of getting to the people of this community.

If you believe that Butler is a Christian community try asking them to get involved in a project that ~~could transform this community~~ a Christian community should be involved in. You may not have tried it, but I have and I know from dealing with all of the churches the response that came forth. ~~xxxxxxx~~

We have a cuase of getting the young boys and girls of this neighborhood off the streets and into the church. Are you willing to accept that challenge. Each of us this morning should resolve that we want to rise up and slay the giants which surround us here and now. Let's get into the fight and accept the call that God has set before us. Let's forget the past. Let's forget the "What ifs," and say instead, "Is there not a cause," and then go out and get lost in that Cause. For Him!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Thank-Offering Sunday November 23, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Paul Pfabe - Speaker
Liturgist - Mr. David McMillin
Valerie Hartley and Danny Mangel - Acolytes

ORDER OF THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Prelude "Improvisation" Butler
*Processional Hymn No. 392 "Come, ye thankful people, come"
*Ascription
*Exhortation
*Confession: (In Unison) Too often, our Father, we have tried to be Christians with our words alone and have forgotten that a disciple is known by his fruits. We have praised you in the sanctuary, and have walked past a human need on the streets. We speak of giving, and then close our hearts, minds, and pocketbooks when we have the chance to give. We hear love preached, and we practice hate. We are told of Jesus giving of Himself, and we begrudge you the time we can easily spare for your service. Forgive us Father for our neglect and grant that through Christ we may become disciples in deed as well as word. In His name. Amen.
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon - Choral Amen
Praise
Liturgist: Praise ye the Lord.
People: The Lord's name be praised
*Doxology
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 387 "We all do extol Thee"
Morning Prayer and Prayer Response "Bow Down Thine Ear"
Thankoffering Concerns (Thankoffering and where it is to go, etc)
Offering
Offertory Offertory Response No. 515
Ingathering Services:
Liturgist: Let us thank God for His blessing and love

toward us by praying the responsive prayer as found on Page 355 of our hymnals.
(Congregation standing and praying responsively)
Reception of New Members
Anthem "Fanfare for Thanksgiving" Posegate
Scripture Matthew 21: 28-32
Sermon "DECISION AND COMMITMENT"
Prayer
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 389 "Let all things now living"
*Benediction
*Choral Benediction "Alleluia!"
*Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Mendelssohn

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar by Mrs. Ann Williams in memory of "Loved Ones"
Serving as Ushers today are: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Henry, Michelle Henry and David Jalliet.
Our Anthem this morning was written for the Rededication of Calvary Pres. Church, Butler on Oct. 8, 1961.
The Thankoffering Envelopes were in your envelope pockets. If you forgot yours there are extra ones in the Narthex.
Monday - Rehoboth Hall rented 6-9
Tuesday - Rehoboth Hall is rented from 6-8: 8:00 -Volleyball
Tuesday - 7-9 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent and in the evening will be Surprise Sunday.
Tonight - 6:30 - Teachers's Training and Bible Study.
Please get your Time and Talent Sheets back as quickly as possible so new programs can be set up for the Yearbook
Nursery will be provided by Mrs. Karen Hartley and Beth.
If you have not returned your commitment cards for 1981 please do so as quickly as possible.
New Members received today are Susan Davis, Valjean McGinnis and Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Bowser.
Hospitalized: Jim Maloney and Hulda Lippold
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bolam will be visiting the Hospital this week.
Our thanks to Mr. Paul Pfabe for bringing the Message Lloyd French will be U3 on Nov. 29- Please don't forget we wish to thank Mr. Dave McMillin for assisting with the Service today.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania

First Sunday in Advent November 30, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Valerie Hartley, Danny Mangel, Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

- Prelude "Adorate Dominum" Salome
*Processional Hymn No. 182 "How Great Our Joy!"
*Ascription
*Choral Call to Worship "O Come All ye Faithful" Stanza 1
*Exhortation
*Confession (In Unison) "Our Heavenly Father, our spirits
turn at this season not only to the coming of thy Son
into history in the form of a babe, but also to thy
coming in thy spirit. We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour
thy spirit upon all who walk in darkness. Grant thy power
to the weak; thy love to those who hate; and thy peace
to those who know only the ugliness of strife, struggle,
and turmoil. If it be thy will, make us instruments of
thy power and love and peace for those who know thee not.
Hear us as we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen"
*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon Choral Amen
*Praise
Pastor: Praise ye the Lord.
People: The Lord's name be praised
*Doxology
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements
Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests
Hymn No. 168 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Call to Prayer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit
Pastor: Let us pray
Prayer
Singing

Offertory

Offertory Response No. 5.5

Anthem: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Cook
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: "Signs of Christmas: Presents"

Prayer

*Hymn No. 170 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Alleluia!"

*Postlude "Finale" Sergisson

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*Congregation Standing - * * * * *
The lovely flowers on the Altar have been placed by
Mrs. Genevieve and Beverly Nohach in loving memory
of Nick Nohach.

Serving as Ushers today are: *Alvin Tait, Mike Nazaruk,
Gottlob Kwadei, Roy Andrews and James McClymonds.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Nazaruk will greet the congregation
at the door this morning.

Nursery will be provided today by a Nursery committee,
in Rehoboth Hall.

The attendance last Sunday was 197

> Hospitalized: Hulda Lippold, James Maloney - *A.M.*
Bob Dellen and Chet Stauffer will visit the Hospital
this week.

Monday - 6:00 - Women's Mary Prugh Circle Tureen Supper.

Tuesday - Hall is rented 6-8; Volleyball 8:00 - ?

> Wed. - 7:30 - Council Meeting *NEW MEMBERS INVITE*

Thurs. - Newsletter will be published please have mater-
ial in by Wednesday.

> Thurs. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7-9

Thurs. - 6-9 - Hall is rented

> Saturday - Chancel Choir Rehearsal from 12:30-3

If anyone wants Chocolate Wafers to make candy for
Christmas call or see Virginia Mangel no later than
Sunday.

> Tonight - Surprise Sunday here at the Church

Young Women's Christian Association, 120 W. Cunningham

St. will have a Holiday Shopping Babaritting Service

Thurs and Fridays, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

call Carol Tyler for Reservations at 287-5709

"Signs of Christmas: presents"

Script: Matt. 2:11; Text: Matt. 2:11

Hard song, Brin 2 lk lik Amas, sing shop fil, decor, peop, crowds, shp, packages etc
1 cur sign Amas membs fanly bring hom presents, wrap free decor, packag pil roun, strang lk=(lik this)
(I us present, shake examin, weigh etc)=suspens, intrig
But hav U evr considr wher orig? many Bliev birth Js
" no kno why
U kno mos home evidenc Js Xp? Intent, otherwis
Ex=Mongor in cornr, bal train, Amas cards hung etc
3 aroun us=signs of Amas, but need B understud as mor
than jus britten livs 4 few fleet days Decembr
Shud C objec Joy transf liv, & thez aroun us
Mt 2:11=wisemen, Magi from East; larned men study stars
Sam Bcz direct do so & visit pray homag Baby
not practis thez men go roun worship jus anything
ther, child recogniz royl personag
Gifts not very appropriat=shud bin diapers, baby oil
But thez men led, 2 use by G, & awar royl figur etc
They ea folo independent plan, & Bliev they kna it
But mor detail plan than they knu
Mt 2:11=men from East, no kno if from sam area, jus East
Gud hav cum dif places & as study charts etc, mov 2
set on journey
But involv this mysterious plan set motion by Creator
many centuries B4, & wud B complet 2 this point by then
A Dav inspir writ prayr 4 son Sol, But wat no kno is
this ~~xxx~~ cudn't find fulfilment in son, it had 2B
in lif othr person; & no kno fulfil in Messiah lk 4
is 72=vs 10-11 why thez places? Parshish=metals
come from; Sheba, Je'a=Incens fragrant spices
G proph jus is, but Isac 10:6
So wisemen cam & brot gift, presents, but unknowly
fulfil G's prophcy
not only giv prestns sybolic, but presents themselves
Gold=king; Frankens=riest; Myrrhh=Ancient, dead but
prominent ingredinet of sacred ancient oil
All this pt 2 Js ministry
But us pt 2 G's provis thru this; presents hav gold,
incens, ancient ingred=subjec suspicion as steal
But sinc G plan from foundation worl thez help J/M
Gold mak possib travl, liv 25y; & perhaps othr 2
purpos presents clearly shown this, but why?
(Illus legend wisemen, young, mid age, old)
ea find sunthin comparbl Chis & lif= & why presents?
si 1, ordinary thing wat "wantol", but presents shud
B display our deepest feelings=Illus empty box, note
This wat G say 2 Mary, Jo, Js thru wisemen from East
... wat G say & continu say whol worl 2 day

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"Signs Of Christmas: Presents"

Scripture: Matthew 2:11

Text: Matthew 2:11

I am sure that we have all heard the song that is sung as we draw closer to Christmas which sings, "Its Beginning To Look Like Christmas." The song goes on to say that all of the shops are decorated and filled with Christmas merchandise. The streets are gaily decorated and people are crowding the sidewalk their arms loaded with packages. One of the sure Signs of Christmas is the members of the family bringing strange looking bags and boxes into the house perhaps many weeks before Christmas day. Then, after the tree is decorated and installed in its place in the home, these presents begin to accumulate beneath that tree in their various shapes and forms, in their many colored papers and ribbons. Packages something like this, (Show box Christmas wrapped) If you have a curious nature you may sneak a few peeks at the boxes piled there and even pick one up to inspect it. You may shake it, sort of weigh it, and in general under its contents. All of this adds to the intrigue and suspense which really makes Christmas an exciting time of the year.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania

Second Sunday in Advent December 7, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Paul Harbison, Liturgist
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mrs. Ginger Harbison, & Mr. Lloyd Link, Youth Choir Dir.
Mrs. Cyndie Sybert, Cherub Choir Dir.
Tracy McMillin and Renee Brown, Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Fantasia" Fachelbel
*Processional Hymn No. 202 "As with gladness men of old"
*Ascription
*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Almighty and Eternal God, who didst create light and life, even as we come to you we must hide ourselves from thee in shame. Our thoughts, words, and deeds are dark shadows upon us. Like the men of old, we have strayed from thy ways, losing sight of thy light. Thou who came as light into our dark world, we have failed in times past to perceive thee. We ask therefore, that we may come to your light in true faith and repentance, through Jesus the Light. Amen."

*Kyrie
*Assurance of Pardon
*Praise

*Liturgist: Praise ye the Lord!
*People: The Lord's name be praised

*Doxology No. 382
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Who's Who in the Pew
Announcements

Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests
Children's Moment (All Children please come to Chancel)
Cherub Choir "See The Star" Cyndie Sybert
Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us Pray

Ayer

Offering

Offertory - Butler
Anthem: "Day By Day" Youth Choir

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-10
Sermon: "SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS: LIGHTS"

Prayer

*Hymn No. 181 "Some Children See Him"

*Benediction

*Three Fold Amen

*Postlude "Prelude in F major" Bach

*Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Flowers on the Altar have been placed by

Mrs. Harold Sandbach in loving memory of her "Husband"
Serving as Ushers today are *Charles Penar, Dan Rosko,
Robert Knauer and Dave McMillin.

Deacon and Mrs. Dave McMillin will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door this morning.

Lloyd Link and Dave McMillin will visit the Hospital
this week.

> Hospitalized - Mrs. Mildred Wiles - *JIM MALONEY*

There were 201 in attendance last Sunday

> Tonight - 8:30 - Teachers Training and Bible Study

Monday - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall

Tuesday - 6-8 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall; 8:00 - Volleyball

Thurs. - 6-9 - Aerobics in Rehoboth Hall

> Next Sunday is the Christmas Cantata

Use your Greenville envelopes for the Home that came
with your newsletter from the Home. They did not send
special envelopes as requested.

The Lovely Wreaths (Live) on the Front Sanctuary doors
were given by the Alvin Tait Family in loving memory
of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Sweeney.

> Sunday - Dec. 21 - 7:00 - Sunday School Christmas Program
here in the Sanctuary and Rehoboth Hall.

Nursery will be provided today in Nursery downstairs.

Our special thanks to Rol Thompson for the beautiful
Saxophone music he provides our Church with every
Sunday. It makes the music something special for St.
Paul's that no other Church has.

A bit of the Book in the morning to order my onward way.
A bit of the Book in the evening to hallow the end of
the day.

Signs of Christmas: Lights"
Series: Mt. 2:1-10; Text: Mt. 2:10

1 1st thing I that sho know season here & Lites
at homes, stores & evn entire neighborhoods lite up
Lites & know trac 2-1000, evn I unbelieve who may
not know

Up AM tel ariv Jeru Wisemen from East, they expert
in Astrology; dif Between 2day & then=evil etc.
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vs 4

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Herod great regis vs 3

vs 9-10=(Mazz)

What star cam from? did actual happen?

Many common say: say No, no evidenc 2 report

(illus Alfred Herschell commentary)

This scene tel how Lites seem symbol whether known, unknown

But is this all 2 it?

I think not Scuz I also tel of Sheps, Brite Lites

(illus littl boy & angels, shops, lites & Liting Up)

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How many us mov it & live deeply chang?

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How do U 3 evidenc lite if indeed I it?

(illus poem Frances Tower)

I in innocent face children stan wid eye wonder at

lites around them know

I gav lite face baby long go, He lite up worl then,

I stil lite up 2day

Do U 3 His lite, or is it only blink lites, trees,

etc, stores, windows I 3 at this time of yr.

Let I ope Ur eyes 3 His lite that ed us may hav lite

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LAUREN R. ZIE HUNTER

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"Signs of Christmas: Lights"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-10

Text: Matthew 2:10

One of the first things to make us aware that ~~the Christmas~~ the Christmas season is upon us is the appearance of lights in decorating. Cities and towns all across America decorate their main streets with colored lights of all kinds. Many homes are decorated outside with many colored lights. Some entire neighborhoods have special lighting which attracts visitors from all areas.

But the idea of lights for Christmas has to be traced to one source. Once again we must add that many people who are unbelievers ~~is~~ are ~~not~~ unaware of why the decorations and lighting. All they know ^{is} ~~that~~ that it is the thing to do.

Our Scripture for this morning tells of the arrival in Jerusalem of men from the East. They are identified as "Wise men." They were men who were experts in Astrology. Today, we think of Astrology in terms of being Satanic and evil and something we should avoid. But in those days it was a science and these men of the East were being used by God as the fulfillment of His prophecies concerning this Jewish Messiah.

In the 2nd verse we read why they came to Jerusalem and were now seeking directions. Balaam speaking back in the book of Numbers the 24th chapter, the 17th verse says, "There shall come a ~~new~~ star out of Jacob." He is prophesying that from Jacob, the tribe of Judah shall come a star. This is the first prophecy of the Messiah to be the Light of the World which He became identified as.

Isaiah the mighty Jewish prophet who spoke approximately 700 years before the Advent of Jesus said in his 60th chapter, verses 1 through 3, (Read 1 & 2).

~~But~~ He is speaking of the deep spiritual darkness which would cover their land from one end to the other. At the time of the coming of Jesus, ~~they were~~ the Jews were an occupied people and Israel an occupied nation. The Romans ruled with an iron fist and they yearned to be free to throw off

the yoke of bondage. But Isaiah concludes this prophecy with the words, (read verse 3). What he is saying is that Gentile people would come to that Light of the World which was to be the Messiah. But not only were they to be Gentiles, but they would be kings. Here is the prophecy concerning the recognition of Jesus by outsiders instead of His own people. This is also the fulfillment of ~~the prophecy from Isaiah which says that what John wrote about in~~ what John wrote about in his first chapter about Jesus being the Word sent from God. He said, "He came unto His own, (meaning His own people), and His own knew Him not." But He was recognized by Gentiles as being the King promised to the Jews.

The news these wise men brought was a little uncomfortable for King Herod. So he summoned the leaders of the Jews and questioned them about this birth which was to take place.

They answered him with the prophecy from Micah which shows they knew of these Messianic predictions. Herod pretended that he wanted to be told about this child and granted them permission to travel on to Bethlehem and so they departed. So we read, (read verses 9 and 10).

Now where did this star come from and did it actually happen? There ~~ix~~ are many commentaries I have read which say that this is merely a nice little story which has no scientific evidence to support it. Their thinking is that nothing as spectacular as this could ever happen. But there is material to back up this story and it is documented in Jewish writings and also in Chinese astrological writings.

(Illustration of Alfred Ebersheim writings)

This in essence tells of how Lights have become a symbol whether known or unknown of the celebration of Christmas. But is this all there is to it? I think not, because God must have placed a good deal of importance on Lights with this supernatural event. For as we read of the account of the angels coming to the shepherds, we are made aware of bright light.

(Illustration of little boy explaining angels, shepherds, and the light)

He may not have had the story completely in its context, but basically what

he was saying was true. They were lighting up this old world of ours with a new light, God's Light of the World Jesus Christ. But what effect did it have? I think the Apostle John spells this out very well in his Gospel in the first chapter the 4th and 5th verses, (read these). "The darkness didn't give any evidence of knowing that Light. Look around today! Do you see signs that the world knows that Light? At least, does it know that Light in any significant way? How many of us are so moved by it our lives are deeply changed? How many of us show evidence that Jesus Christ Lights up our lives to the extent that we are different than the pagans and heathens around us? Where do you see the evidence of any Light, if indeed you see it?

(Illustration of Frances Tower poem)

We see that Light reflected in the innocent faces of children as they stand in wide eyed wonder at the Lights all around them at Christmas. God gave that Light in the face and life of a baby long ago. He lighted up the World then, and He still Lights it up today. Do you see His Light, or is it only the blinking lights of trees and streets, and windows you see at this time of the year. Let God open your eyes to His Light that each of us may have that light shine in. Let us see Him as He really is, "The Light of the World today, tomorrow, and forever.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Third Sunday in Advent December 14, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Tracy McMillin, Renee Brown, Acolytes

SERVICE FOR TODAY - 11:00 A.M.

Prelude - Improvisation on the Theme from The Gift - Mickelson

*THE PROCESSIONAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHANCEL

*Ascription

*Choral Call to Worship - Adeste Fideles - vs. 2

Presentation of THE GIFT by Mr. Paul Mickelson

Introduction

The Cantata

The Gift

Recitative

For unto Us a Child is Born

Fear not Mary

Night of Nights

Glory to God in the highest!

Behold!

Announcements

Offering - Offertory - Offertory Response 515

Advent Wreath

Love Came Down

Shout Hallelujah!

Led by the Star

Jesus Loves Me

Ring out Wild Bells!

The Gift (Reprise)

Scripture: John 3:16
Romans 8:32 -35, 37-39

*CLOSING HYMN No. 171 "Joy to the World"

Benediction

Choral Benediction - "The Gift" - The Gift of life through

Christ is given free: Accept this gift and live eternally!

Postlude - "Fanfare and Processional" - D.E. Wagner

CONDUCTOR - GARY BUTLER Soloists: (in order of appearance)

PIANIST - DEB DEWEAVER Dennis Burnham

ORGANIST - KITTY FEDER Lloyd Link

ARRANGERS: REV. RALPH LINK Rob Sybert
STEVE SMITH Cyndie Sybert

Soloists

Karen Maloney

Don Kennedy

***** *Congregation Standing *****
The Lovely Poinsettia's on the Altar have been given
by: 2 Arthur Snyder - in memory of "Loved Ones";
Mr. & Mrs. William Zavacky, Sr. to the "Glory of God";
Mr. & Mrs. Howard H. Lam in memory of "Loved Ones";
Mrs. Ralph M. Cooper in memory of her "Husband";
Mr. & Mrs. John Pizor in memory of Mrs. Bessie Hampton
Serving as Ushers today are: *Mary Burns, Jean Pflugh,
Diana Hollefreund.

Nursery will be provided today by Debra and Tracy
Johnston.

Elder and Mrs. Charles Penar will greet the Congregation
at the door today.

Hospitalized: Howard Jalliet, Jim Maloney, Mrs. Carl
Hollefreund, Sr., ~~Mrs. Vinroe~~, ~~Karen Link~~

Rob Vinroe and Don Kingsley will be visiting the
Hospital this week.

Tonight - 6:30 - Bible Study

Monday - 6-9 - Hall is Rented

Tues. - 6-8 - Hall is Rented; 8 Volleyball

Wed. 6:00 - Golden Circle Christmas Dinner - Husbands
are invited. Meat, dessert, and beverage will be
furnished. Bring your turken and table service.

Thurs. 10:30 - Christmas Party (Mary Martha Circle)
at Sandy Shepcock's Home.

Thurs. 6-9 - Hall is Rented

There were 205 in attendance last Sunday.

This is the last chance you will have to order a
Poinsettia for next Sunday - if you should perhaps
want one call Bea or let her know today. ~~For XMAS Eve~~

Next Sunday is Holy Communion at 11:00 A.M.

Next Sunday evening is the Church School Christmas
Program here in the Sanctuary and later in Rehoboth

Hall.

Dec. 26 - Youth All Night Party - Tickets \$5.

He has taken his bright candle and is gone
Into another room I cannot find,
But anyone can tell where he has been
By all the little lights he leaves behind.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania
Fourth Sunday in Advent December 21, 1980
The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone
Mr. Lloyd Link, Mrs. Ginger Harbison, Youth Choir Dir.
Amy Vargo and Beth Hartley - Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY COMMUNION - 11:00
Prelude "How Lovely Shines The Morning Star" Rohlig
*Processional Hymn No. 184 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

FW *Ascription
*Choral Call to Worship - Andeste Fideles - stanza 3
Boi *Exhortation - Communion Bulletin
*Confession - "O God, to whom glory is sung in the highest,
while on earth peace is proclaimed to men of good will;
grant that good will to us thy servants, cleanse us
from all our sins, and give perpetual peace to us and to all
people; through thy mercy, O God, who art blessed, and
dost govern all things, world without end. Amen."

Paul *Assurance of Pardon
Paul *Lighting of Advent Wreath
*Who's Who In the Pew
*Announcements
Offering (*UNCOVER ELEMENTS*)
Offertory Offertory Response No. 515

ME Youth Anthem - "Child of Bethlehem"
Paul *The Call To Communion - Communion Bulletin
*Prayer of Praise - Seraphic Hymn
*Institution and Consecration of the Elements
*Distribution of Bread
*Distribution of Cup

Paul *Prayer of Thanksgiving
Anthem: Chancel Choir "O Come All Ye Faithful" Nystedt
Scripture: Luke 1:26-33
Sermon: "Sings Of Christmas: Wreaths"
*Hymn No. 179 "The First Noel"
*Benediction
*Choral Benediction "Gloria"
*Postlude "Improvisation" Butler

>Tonight 7:00 - Family Christmas Program here in the
Sanctuary and later on in Rehoboth Hall. If you were
asked to bake cookies don't forget them. We heard
Santa will be here.

Monday - 6-9 - The Hall will be rented
>Wednesday - Dec. 24, 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
of Communion, Carols, and Caniles.

>Anyone who can leave their poinsettia for Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service is requested to do so.

>Hospitalized: Mrs. Carl Hollefreund, Sr., Howard
Jaillet, Ann Margaret Vincoe, *ALICE BEATY*

There will not be Youth Choir Practice on Wednesday.

>The Order for Holy Communion Phamplets - please leave
in the Pews when you leave. They will be used again
and again - please do not bend, fold or mutilate

>If you will sign a communion card and put either your
Pastor's name on it and address or Church we would
be glad to send it on to your home church.

The New Envelopes were mailed out this week - please
do not use them until the first of January. You have
different envelope numbers each time and they will get
mixed up.

Nursery will be provided today by Tresa Palmer and
Wendy Stalker.

The Elders and Deacons will serve Communion this morning
as well as serve as Ushers.

>Next Sunday afternoon - we will meet with Heads of all
Committees and groups to set up the schedule for the
Year Book. All Elders and Deacons new and old to be here.
New Elders and Deacons will be installed next week.
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe
trip if you are on the highways.

William Ohl and Chuck Penar will visit the Hospital
this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bosko will greet the Congregation
and Visitors at the door this morning.

Just saying that "I love you" doesn't mean a thing at
all, for loving words fly like the birds, when they
hear winter's call.

Love is a thing that proves itself a thousand times a
day, in the simple little things you do, and the little
things you say.

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"Signs Of Christmas: Wreaths"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-33

Text: Luke 2x 1:33

We see the Signs Of Christmas hanging from innumerable front doors and lamp posts in the form of a wreath. People everywhere are buying and making wreaths. We see them made of pine and fir, of ribbon and rope, of paper and wire. All kinds and sort of wreaths decorate our homes and churches and businesses.

But why a wreath? Wreaths have evolved from crowns which date back to ancient Egypt and the Orient. Crowns were a symbol of royalty. Only those of the Royal Family were permitted to wear a crown. It carried with it the authority to rule and govern as a sovereign ruler.

Then it became a practice to give a reward to those who excelled in athletic contests. Wreaths made of laurel became the symbol placed on the head of a champion. It was to signify that here was the reigning athlete in his field.

~~From this wreath of laurel we have taken the wreath of today's winning athletes and the wreath of glory for the victor in the Olympic games.~~

It also was the garland worn by conquering emperors. Eventually it came to mean a coming in peace. But the world has changed until today there are only a few nations which are governed by kings and royalty. But still today we seek and look up to royalty. We crown Miss America, Miss Personality, Athletic achievements and so on. We look up to these people as those who have risen above the rest of us. Man is always looking for a king because he feels he is never so great as when he is in the presence of one greater.

It was only normal for men like the Wise men to come and seek a New King. They came asking "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" God had spoken of the coming of this King to His chosen people centuries before. They longed for His coming and when He did arrive they didn't even acknowledge it for they were looking in another direction. And this is ~~the~~ a fact of life. So often we are looking for something and we cannot find it because it is right under our noses all the time. It is only when the person or thing has come and gone and we are made aware of it that we say, "If only I had known." But God stands ready to reveal and open His way to all who seek and are sincere.

To a common ordinary young lady he appeared through the angel Gabriel and gave her the wonderful news that she would bear this King ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ and be His mother.

I am sure that we can understand some of her uncertainty at this point. The simple answer the angel gave about the Holy Spirit coming upon her and causing her to become pregnant probably didn't completely reassure her either. But we do not read of her going into hiding to avoid the task thrust upon her by God. Instead, we read in later verses how she accepted ~~xxx~~ this honor with the simplicity of a trusting child of God.

How unlike the world. Men from all walks of life seek and search for kings or to be made kings.

(Illustration of girl running in Boston Marathon)

For her victory she would have gained fame and fortune. But this is only one example of the sick society in which we live. A large segment of our younger generation has gone berserk because a man named John Lennon has ~~xxx~~ been assassinated. I just heard this past week that many young people have gone into a state of shock because of this and group counseling centers have been set up in New York City to deal with them and help them overcome their shock. Here is a man who along with his cohorts once boasted they would make Jesus Christ obsolete in ten years. He is largely responsible for the madness surrounding his own death. What most people don't realize is that this searching for those who can be set above us as our monarchs is an unconscious search for that which God has always wanted for mankind since the creation of the world.

There is only one King and that is Almighty God and man in his sinful nature is constantly seeking to have fellowship restored with God and so he seeks for a King. And in reality he is seeking the only King that can and will rule impartially and lovingly.

Jesus, the Baby was recognized by some visiting, seeking kings, as "The King of the Jews." When Philip brought Nathaniel to Jesus, Nathaniel acknowledged Him ~~to~~ by saying, "Thou art the King of Israel." The pagan Pontius Pilate wrote

inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." But before he was crucified, Jesus had been acknowledged as a King by the placing of a crown made of thorns on his head. He had been acknowledged by men as a king, and the only crown He ever received was that given in mockery. But this is as the world has always received Him. Even today He is the recipient of being ignored as the only King who can truly set people free.

Even many of us fail to crown Him as the Lord of our lives. We may enter the doors of this Church and see the wreaths hanging there and never give a thought to what they really signify. We may make them, or buy them and hang them in our homes and remain unaware that they should tell us that story over and over again that He is our King. That He in fact is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; that one day He shall return to begin His reign.

God promised this through Isaiah, (read 9:6). This has taken place. But there is yet to take place, (read 9:7). All wreaths should remind us that "He shall reign forever and ever." Let us resolve that if He has not had pre-eminence in our lives, that from now on He is our King.

scrip. Recd: 25:10

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - TALLAHASSEE, FL. - FEBRUARY 21, 1987

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CAROLS 7.00 P.M.
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Butler, Pennsylvania

Christmas Eve December 24, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Mr. Paul Marbison, Liturgist
Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE - 11:00 P.M.

Prelude "Picardy - French Carol
*Choral Procession "How Great Our Joy!" German Melody

PAUL *Ascription - (Hymns of AT ANEW)

*Call to Worship - (Choir and Congregation)

"O Come All Ye Faithful" all 4 stanzas No. 193

PAUL *Exhortation - Communion Bulletin

PAUL *Confession

PAUL *Assurance of Pardon

PAUL *Lighting of Christmas Wreath

Scriptures and Carols: - (ANNOUNCE)

ME - The Promise - Micah 5:2

Carol No. 178 - (1st Stanza)

PAUL - The Journey Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 185 - (1st Stanza)

ME - The Announcement Luke 2:8-14

Carol No. 175 - (1st Stanza)

PAUL - The Common Visitation Luke 2:15-20

Carol No. 184 - (1st Stanza)

ME - The Royal Visitation Matthew 2:1-11

Carol No. 206 - (1st Stanza)

PAUL Christmas Prayer

Carol No. 171 - 1st and 4th Stanzas)

ME Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Offering

Offertory "Christmas Eve Prayer" Oliver Andlubetkin

Communion Carol No. 194 (UNLIT)

PAUL *The Call to Communion - Communion Bulletin

ME *Prayer of Praise - Seraphic Hymn

*Institution and Consecration of The Elements

Distribution of Bread

Distribution of Cup

PAUL *Prayer of Thanksgiving

them "Love Came Down At Christmas" P. Mickelson

Christmas Meditation: "Signs of Christmas: Rivers
and Trees

The Candlelighting

SIT Candlelight Carol "Silent Night" (On Bulletin)

*Benediction - (BACK OF CHURCH)

*Choral Benediction - Gloria In Excelsis Deo

*Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel

Silent Night! Holy Night!

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright

'Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy Infant so

tender and mild;

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy Night! Darkness flies, all is

light;

Shepherds hear the angels sing; Alleluia! hail the

King!

Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is

born.

3. Silent night! Holy night! Guiding Star, lend

thy light!

See the eastern wise men bring Gifts and homage to our

King!

Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born

4. Silent night! Holy night! wondrous Star, lend thy

light!

With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King!

Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born

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The Elders and Deacons will serve Communion as well

as Usher tonight.

Deacon and Mrs. Harry Burns will greet the Congregation

and Visitors at the door this evening.

WHEN RECEIVING THE LIGHT, TILT UNLIT CANDLES TOWARD

THE ONE THAT IS ALREADY LIT.

Next Sunday - Schedule will be made out for the Year

Book. EACH ELDER AND DEACON (old and new) IS

EXPECTED TO BE HERE. A Representative from Church

School, all organizations and Fellowship groups are

to be here. Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M.

Please remain seated until the last verse of Silent

night.

FOLLOWING BENEDICTION

"Signs Of Christmas:
"Ribbons And Trees"

Scripture and Text: Luke 4:18

Jesus was born on this night we celebrate as Christmas. Most everyone knows the details of His birth and the beautiful things surrounding this birth. But the true meaning sometimes becomes lost as we get caught up in all of the celebrations and festivities. Even the people among whom He grew up didn't understand or know His complete mission in life.

When He began His public ministry at the age of 30, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ He was publicly baptized by John the Baptist and then He had His wilderness encounter of temptations by Satan. After this He returned to Nazareth His hometown. We are told that it was the Sabbath, which was Saturday, and He went to the Synagogue as He usually did. That day He was invited to read the Scripture. He was given the scroll containing the prophecy of Isaiah and He began to read from chapter 61; verse 1. This is what He read, (read Luke 4:18). Then He sat down and they awaited for Him to begin to expound on this Scripture. He said, ~~Today~~ this day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." This angered them because He was not accepted as being more than the son of a carpenter and they led Him out of town to throw Him over a cliff, but He escaped them.

But what was it He was saying to them? What is the meaning of His unique birth and His ministry on earth?

It was Christmas Eve on a night much like this one. The train had left Union Station in Chicago at 10:30 P.M. bound for Milwaukee, Wisconsin and points west. The train was filled to capacity and each coach was not only brightly lit but all of the passengers seemed to carry that special glow of the holiday season. There was much laughter and excited chatter as the passengers spoke of going home for this special ~~xx~~ day of days.

But amid all of this happiness there sat a young man who looked rather out of place. He sat quietly looking out of the window at the snow covered landscape as ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ the train sped rapidly by towns and villages and farmland. He was dressed in a plain grey suit and one didn't need to look too long or hard to realize that it was made of very cheap material. Along with the suit

he wore a plain narrow black tie and a plain white shirt. To complete his wardrobe he wore a pair of plain black shoes and black socks. He was in his early twenties but ~~xxx~~ the lines of his face made him appear to be much older. Seated directly across from him was a little girl with her mother beside her. The girl kept asking how long it would be until they arrived. From the conversation it could be learned that their destination was Milwaukee and they were due to arrive at 12:12 A.M. if the train was on time. Several times the woman asked the conductor for reassurance and was told each time the train was on time and would arrive shortly after midnight and it would be Christmas morning. The little girl was holding a large doll and told her dolly how they were going to meet Daddy after being away for a long time.

Right next to the young man an older man was seated. He was reading a book. From time to time he would try to read only to be distracted by laughter, or someone bumping him as they tried to walk down the aisle of the swaying train.

He was a pleasant looking man with snow white hair. He looked much like the image anyone has of a kindly grandfather. He wasn't much past retirement age and was evidently in good health.

He looked at the young man several times and seemed like he wanted to speak, but decided not to at the last moment and went back to his reading. Finally he leaned over and said, "Pardon me young fellow, where on you ~~goingxxxxxxx~~ bound for on this Christmas Eve?" The man answered without looking at the older man, "Maybe home." "Maybe home? Why, aren't you sure that's where you want to go?" The boy shrugged his shoulders and said nothing more, and the man went back to his reading.

Shortly after this the conductor came through the car calling out, "Sturtevant, ^{Next Stop} Wisconsin, Sturtevant, Wisconsin." The older man leaned over and asked the conductor how long they would be and was told just long enough to discharge passengers and pick others up as well. The man tapped the young man on the shoulder and asked, "Want to stretch your legs for a few minutes when the train stops?" The boy looked at the man for the first time and just shook his head. The older man got up and went out on the platform and walked up and down until the con-

ductor shouted, "All aboard," and then he re-entered the car. While he was on the platform the young man was looking at him rather closely and he thought how much like his Dad the old man seemed.

Shortly after they were underway again the young man spoke to the older man and said, "I'm sorry if I don't seem too friendly, but it's just that I find it hard to speak to anyone strange at the present time." "That's all right son," he replied. "Where is home for you if you decide to go there?" "Columbus, which is the next stop after Milwaukee," the boy answered. "And why ~~xxx~~ aren't you sure that you are going there?" the old man asked. "Because I don't know whether my Dad will let me come home again," he answered. "What's the problem?" Here the boy began to trust the older man and he started to tell him his story. "You see, about 5 years ago I was a senior in High School. I knew it all. I was one of the ring leaders of a gang of what we thought were pretty tough guys. We knew all of the answers and no one could show us anything. My Mom and Dad were pretty strait laced, you know, Church and all that. I was raised on a farm just outside of situated ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Columbus and I hated the plowing and milking and all of that other hard work. For me it was more fun to run around with a gang of guys and to look for some excitement.

Well, we graduated, but since we didn't have jobs and my only prospect was to work with my Dad on the farm, I talked some of the other guys to skip town with me. So we planned it down to the last detail and one night we hopped a freight and headed East. We arrived in Chicago and from there hopped a freight bound for Washington, D.C. When we arrived there we rolled a couple drunks for a few bucks to eat and found out where we had to go to head for Florida. Well we made it to Miami and thought we had it made. But soon the little money we each had ran out and so we had to get some. The quickest way was to steal some. So we stole a car, held up a couple liquor stores and headed out of Miami. We figured we would go to Georgia and maybe we could do some migrant farming picking fruit to get enough to go on for a while. Well we did this, but it was very tiring work and so we decided to do one big job and then hide out for a long time. We watched one of the bigger liquor stores and we had it planned

what night was their busiest when they had the most cash. So we hit the store and got clean away. But one of the guys cashed a bill that was traceable and was picked up. He gave the cops the information they needed and all of us were picked up and brought to trial. I was sentenced to 3 to 6 years for my part of the robbery. I was Mr. Tough Guy and I was going to show them. We were in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary which was a good place to be a tough guy. That place was filled with them. So it wasn't too long I was in trouble with the guards and everyone knew I fitted right in.

One day the guy who was the chaplain called on me and told me that I should change my life and things would go better for me. I told him I had heard all of that stuff from my folks and he didn't need to tell me again. Well, I tried being a little better and soon discovered that the guards laid off when I acted like a reformed person. So I thought I would play it cool and maybe get out a little earlier. What I discovered was that I could have gotten out in 3 years but because I had acted up, I would have to serve another year and so was only eligible in 4.

This past summer a man was supposed to come to the prison to speak to us in Chapel. He was a former convict who said he had a message to tell prisoners, but like most of the rest I didn't much care ~~for~~ to attend. That prison in August is like a sweat box and tempers are at fever pitch. More prisoners have been killed in that prison than any other in the nation and maybe this why they decided to let this guy speak.

The night he was to come was heavy with heat and humidity. A heaviness hung over that prison and it just seemed that a little spark would have caused a full scale riot.

At the last minute I decided to go to Chapel. What the heck, I could always just sit there and not listen. But when this guy was introduced and said he had been a member of the president's staff and had gone to prison for being the mastermind of crooked deals, I began to listen. He told how he had been Mr. Tough Guy and how someone had told him about God loving him in a special way.

Then he told about this fellow talking to him about Jesus Christ the Son of God and why He came to earth. This guy said do you know what the mission of Jesus Christ was? Then he read from his Bible the part that says, "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

I thought that's me, and all prisoners. We are captives that need to be delivered. We need to be set at liberty. Then I really listened how he said that accepting by faith this Jesus into his life set him free in his prison cell.

Now that's what I wanted, but I just couldn't come to that point, not then.

When he left the prison the strangest thing happened. All during the time he was speaking there was a calmness and quietness that no one would have believed possible that day. But as he was leaving men kept trying to shake his hand

and talk to him. But when he was outside of the gates prisoners lined the hallways and shouted to him from every available window, "Good bye, God bless

you." For over an hour they had him cornered asking him questions and talking to him. When he was done they had clapped and stood on their feet and cheered. I never heard anything like it. But do you know it changed that

prison and I began to feel that I needed to get right with God myself. When

I learned that I could be released shortly before Christmas I wrote my Dad a letter. I explained that I was sorry for the anguish I had caused and that I wanted to come home. But I told him that if he didn't want me, he could tell

me in a way without writing. I told him that since the train has to pass the lane that leads to the farmhouse, there at the corner on the big oak tree, he could signal me I was welcome with a big red ribbon. But if he didn't want me

to come home, to just let the tree bare and I would pass by and never stop.

"He'll have a ribbon on that tree son," the old man said. "How do you know?" the boy asked. "I just do son, because Father's are like that." They now

rode on in silence and soon stopped at Milwaukee where most of the people got off the train. It was 12:12 A.M. Christmas morning the boy thought. He was

anxious for the train to leave so he could see if he would spend this Christmas with his family. Only 65 more miles to Columbus and about an hour and 15

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minutes he thought to himself. The older man had sat quietly and was once again reading his book, or pretending to do letting the young man peer intently out the window. A half smile played at the corners of the older man's mouth almost as though he knew a secret.

The time seemed to slip by so slowly but at last they were coming near to the destination the boy so eagerly sought. "There is the road that runs parallel to the our farm" the boy said straining to see the huge oak tree at the end of the land. "Just around the next bend is the entrance to the farm and we will see the tree." "There it is." "You were right mister, you were right," he shouted. There streaming from the branches of that tree was not just one, but what looked like hundreds of red ribbons waving in the breeze. A bright red contrast to the white snow on the ground. With tears streaming down his cheeks he turned to the older man, only to discover that he was no longer there. Sometime when he became engrossed in the familiar scenery the man had disappeared. "Now I know," he thought what that man was saying in prison in August. Jesus came to set the prisoner free, to release him from slavery. Now I know the love of a father for his son, like God's love for us."

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Butler, Pennsylvania

First Sunday After Christmas December 28, 1980

The Rev. Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Mr. Gary Butler, Organist and Choir Director

Mr. Roland Thompson, Saxophone

Amy Vargo and Beth Hartley, Acolytes

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

Prelude "Variations on an Old French Carol Hilt"

*Processional Hymn No. 177 "Good Christian men, rejoice"

*Ascription

*Exhortation

*Confession (In Unison) "Eternal Father, teach us in the days of this year to discover the preciousness of time. Keep us from squandering our hours in senseless thought and useless activities. Help us through good books, clean conversation, and creative action to so number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom, and a life devoted to thy reconciling ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ. Amen."

*Kyrie

*Assurance of Pardon

*Praise

*Pastor: Praise ye the Lord!

*People: The Lord's name be praised.

*Doxology No. 382

Who's Who in the Pew

Announcements

Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests

Hymn No. 201 "Long years ago on a deep winter night"

Call to Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

Pastor: Let us Pray

Prayer and Prayer Response

Offering

Offertory Offertory Response No. 515

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Anthem: "Ave Maria" Schubert - Soloist - Cyndie Sybert

Scripture: Exodus 4:1-17

psalm "WHEN GOD SAW RED"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 206 "We three kings of Orient are"

*Benediction Choral Benediction

Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" Handel

+ + + + + *Congregation + + + + +

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Tait will greet the Congregation and Visitors at the door this morning.

Serving as Ushers this morning will be *Richard Mangel, Don Kingsley, Art Carney and Gary Penar.

Karen Link and Bea Tait will be visiting the Hospital this week.

Nursery will be provided today by Mrs. Sharon Schmittlein.

> Today - 2:00 - Special meeting to set up Schedule and dates for the coming year for the year book. All Elders and Deacons (those leaving the Board and those coming on in January) are expected to be here. All heads of Organizations and group are expected to have representatives here.

Anyone interested in signing up Basketball - The sheet is in on the Pastor's Desk.

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DARE TO BE HAPPY

Dare to be happy - don't shy away, reach out and capture the joy of Today!

Life is for Living! Give it a try; Open your heart to that sun in the sky.

Dare to be Loving, and trusting, and true - Treasure the hours with those dear to you.

Dare to be King - it's more fun than you know; Give joy to others, and watch your own grow.

Dare to admit all your blessings, and then every day count them all over again.

Dare to be happy, don't be afraid - this is the day which the Lord hath made!

> Hospitalized: Mrs. Alice Beatty

"When God Saw Red"

Scrip: Ex. 4:1-17; Text: Ex. 4:14a

(Preface remarks about sevrl messags . Oft hear do sumthin, but no get means 2do; hopful U wil find sumthn help U & I)

(Thus man put swing 2gethr, neighbor & instucts)
We al spoil childrn grtr/lesr & seek do our way
& las resort striv find wat G wants us 2do

Mos man such this: bakgr lif uniq & involv

Scrip-pt whe cal by G & 80 yrs old

bin self-impos exil 40yrs

Prev Scrip G spok taru burn bush & givn instruc he 2b leadr peop Is

Mos quest G & ask=WHO AM I & G anser=I AM WITH U

Mos quest furthr=WHO R U; not Bcuz no knu G of covenar

He was Jehovah/YAHWEH & realy want kno expl or Name

G expl watevr need is IAM=courag, I AM Courag, strength watevr=I AM

But Mos isnt convinc complet qualify 4 job

vs 1=Asks & G giv 3 miracl < prov himself=snake, lepr & Blud from Nile

vs 10=anothr prob & G anser=I KNO THAT

vs 11=(READ)=I made U that way Moses

Did Mos say As soon as get sheep bak < fathr law I reddy < go?

No, 4 he had nothr prob=Vs 13=this may seem he B modest & send whoevr, but if think I best, send me.

Heb really mean=Send Sumbody Else

This pt G Bcame furious & 2 say human terms=Livid with rage

G o got angry wen Mos say ill equip

" " " " " ask who He was

" " " " " say peop no Bliev & ask signs

" " " " " hav speech probs

But wat mak angry wen Mos say=Send Sumbody else

" " did G do wen Saw Red?

Gud examp K Dav & Ps 103:6-9

Did G giv up on Mos? Did say thats it no mor?

Our react wat is it? Writ peop off=Ex peop mad preach

B4 me & no cum ch

Wat wud hap of G did this? But duznt & shud say Than.

G; vss 14-16; Mos abl B ldr Bcuz G gav powr, wisdm, etc

Mos lk lif & examin & this gud, shud do this

We lk yr pas & if hones rm 4 improv: but 1 big prob,

no want get involv & say < G-I not avail, sen sumbody

eli, excus=<busy, age, retir, no abil, no ed etc

Need 2kno G Bcum frust & C red Bcuz us; No frust Bcuz

weaknes, feelings, no knowledg. but frust=No Availbl

Vs 17=wat say Mos, He say 2us; chaleng ther & ask our

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"When God Saw Red"

Scripture: Exodus 4:1-17

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Just to preface this message let me state that the next several messages will be dealing with a general theme. Quite often we hear what it is we should do in our lives, but too many times we do not hear how we can accomplish this, or what we can make use of to implement this in our lives. Hopefully, you will find ideas or things you may use in your life to accomplish any work that God has for you and I to do.

(Illustration of man putting together swing and gymn set, no success and the neighbor comes over, reads the directions and they put it together. "when all else fails, read the directions").

We are all spoiled children to a greater or lesser degree. I mean by this that we seek to do things our way, and as a last resort strive to find out how God wants us to do it.

Moses was a man such as this. The background of his life is rather unique and involved. We are at the point in his life in this Scripture ~~that~~ where he has been called by God. He is ~~80~~ 80 years old at this time in his life. He had been in self-imposed exile for 40 years. In the previous Scripture God had spoken to him from the burning bush. He was given instructions that he was to be the leader of the people of Israel. ~~Moses had questioned God and was told that God was with him.~~

Moses had questioned God and his question was, ~~xxxxxx~~ "Who am I?"
I am with you.

God's answer is that it doesn't matter because ~~xxxxxx~~

But Moses questions further and wants to know, "Who are you?" He knew the name of the covenant God of Israel, which was Jehovah, or Yahweh, what he really wanted to know was an explanation of the name. God explains that whatever the need may be that is what I am. If you need courage, "I am courage." If you need strength, "I am strength." Whatever you are lacking, ~~that~~ that is what "I AM." God goes into much detail about what Moses is to do and what will happen eventually with the people of Israel.

But Moses still isn't convinced that he is completely qualified for this job. So he asks, (read verse 1). So God has him throw down his staff and it becomes a snake. Then he takes it by the tail and it becomes a staff again. God commands him to put his hand inside of his robe and when he removes it is leprous.

Then he is instructed to place his hand inside his robe again and this time it turns to normal. God promises him that he can perform ~~an~~ yet another sign by taking water from the Nile river and when he pours it on the ground it will become blood. All of these things are ~~xxx~~ shown to him by God to convince him of the authority ~~xxx~~ and the authenticity of God.

But Moses has yet another objection. Actually it is a problem, He says, (read verse 10). And what was God's answer? "I know that!" "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?" ^{verse 11} "I made you that way Moses!" And once again God tells Moses to be about the business He has for him, ~~xxx~~ (read verse 12).

But did Moses say, "As soon as I can get these sheep back to my father-in-law I'll be ready to go."? No, for Moses had yet another problem. He said, (read verse 13). Then we first read this it sounds as though Moses is being modest and saying, "Well, it's up to you Lord, if you think I'm the most qualified for the job. Send whomever you want." But what he is actually saying and this is breaking the Hebrew down into its true meaning at this point, "Send somebody else."

At this point God became furious. To put it in terms which are strictly human God must have been livid with rage. He didn't get angry when Moses told of his ~~xxx~~ being ill-equipped for the job; He didn't get angry when Moses asked Him to say who He was; He didn't get angry when Moses asked what to do if they didn't believe him, and God had to give him signs that he was able to do the job; and He didn't get angry when Moses told of his speech problems. But what did make Him angry was when Moses said, "I'm not available, send somebody else." But the great thing about all of this is how God reacted on this occasion, "When He saw Red." King David must have been thinking along these lines when he penned the words of his magnificent hymn, Psalm 103. Listen to what he wrote about this in verses 6 through 9, (read these verses). Did God give up on Moses? Did He write him off and say, "That's it, now you've made me angry and I'll have nothing more to do with you?" What do we do? For many of us our

normal reaction is to write someone off. We even write God off. Do you know there are people within this congregation who have been offended or disturbed by one or more of my predecessors here and because of this have never entered this church during my ministry? Can you picture what our lives would be like if God treated us thisway? But He doesn't and we should literally thank God for that. We read of God, (read verses 14-16). Moses was able to be the leader of the people of Israel. The book of Exodus records all that he was able to do. Where did his power come from? How was he able to accomplish all that he did? His power, his strength, his wisdom, everything, came from the God who is. Moses looked at his life and knew the man that he was. This is good. We should do the same and most people do at this time of the year. We are looking at our track record for this past year and years gone by. If we are honest we know there is vast room for improvement. One of the problems you and I have faced and are facing more critically now than at any other time is the problem of not wanting to get involved. Too many of us are saying to God, "I'm not available, send somebody else." We are using the excuses of age, retirement, too busy, no ability, no education etc, etc. We need to know that God can become frustrated and see red because of us. He isn't frustrated or angry because of your feelings, or your weaknesses; He isn't frustrated by your lack of knowledge. But He is frustrated by your saying to Him, "I'm not available, send somebody else." Like He said to Moses, (read verse 17), He is saying to us. Let us accept that challenge and go forth from this day knowing that He can and will provide and all He asks is our willingness to follow where He leads.









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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.